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PRINCIPAL CHIEF CLAUDE COX TAKES THE OATH OF OFFICE *as he is sworn in for a fifth term by Mike Flud, Creek Nation Supreme Court Justice at Inaugural Ceremonies held January 4th at the Mound Building. The Chief, addressing the National Council, staff and Creek people at the formal ceremonies, said he looks forward to a bright future for the tribe and it's continued progress - "It is a great privilege to me to begin my fifth term as Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and I know that with dedication, hard work, and continued support of our citizens, we can make an impact during 1988 that will benefit future generations."*

CN tribal task force to take critical look into BIA management of tribal resources-

By Helen Chalakee

The Creek Nation Task Force on the Management of Tribal Resources was organized under an executive order from Principal Cox on December 14, 1987. The committee met on January 12 to establish an itinerary and set goals and objectives for the coming year. Chief Cox was elected chairman, Eddie Jacobs was elected vice-chairman and Helen Chalakee was elected secretary for the one year appointed committee. Other members are George Almerigi, Harvey Gilroy, Rodney Durossette and Steve Wilson.

Chief Cox presented recommendations to the committee as he stated his intentions for the tribal government to become more involved in areas of land transactions, minerals, leases and natural resources. He said the task force would be involved in identifying and lending recommendations to these problem areas that have plagued our tribal government and tribal citizens for many years.

A motion was approved by the committee to undertake proceedings for an audit to be conducted on tribal royalty accounts. Another motion was approved to contact the BIA for an update on the status of a reconciliation effort to determine interest amounts owed on late payments, under payments, etc. to tribal members.

The Reconciliation Project was first mentioned by Jim Parris, who is with the BIA Investment Center in Albuquerque, at a meeting with the Oklahoma Mineral Owners in Anadarko about six months ago. He said the project was assigned to the Washington DC office of Frank Ryan, a BIA deputy assistant secretary, to study and make recommendations on the matter.

A week earlier, I had tried to interview Ryan after he had given a talk for OIO in Norman. I identified myself with the Indian press and asked him to comment on several issues, one of which was the disbursement of interest funds to Indian mineral owners. Ryan had allowed me three minutes while he made his way through the cafeteria on his way to the airport. At that time, Ryan said he knew nothing about any interest funds due the Indians and referred me to the Albuquerque BIA Investment Center.

Since the time Parris made the announcement of the reconciliation project, several attempts have been made to obtain a status report from Ryan's office, but as yet, no report has been issued.

At the Anadarko meeting, Parris was questioned about the possible amount owed to the Indian roylaty owners, which would include tribal governments as well as individuals. Parris said he didn't know and couldn't even make a speculation on the amount. Indian royalty owners estimate the amount to be astounding and said they believed the BIA could be held accountable in these actions for as far back as when oil and gas were first extracted from Indian lands.

To further complicate the problem of distribution, many of the shares

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Tribal Officials Installed Jan. 4

By Kathryn Bell

The newly re-elected Principal Chief Claude Cox was installed in office at formal Inaugural ceremonies held January 4 in the Mound Building at the Complex.

Members of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council were also installed during the swearing in ceremonies.

Entering his fifth term of office, the Creek Chief, who took his first term of office in 1971, optimistically looks ahead to the next four years of tribal progress. In his Inaugural address before the Council, staff and Creek people, he said, "It is a major goal of the Muscogee Nation to attain self-government. The accomplishment of this goal is directly related to self-sufficiency - it is in this area that we must focus our attention over the next four years." The Chief said this goal would be accomplished through economic development and the establishment of a viable tax base.

In retrospect over the past sixteen years he has served as the tribal Chief, Cox noted, "a lot of progress has been made - we are a tribe that has gained nation-wide recognition for our outstanding accountability. We have a stable income to support our diverse programs that meet the needs of our people and all of our facilities are free and clear - but, we need to continually increase our income base to meet the demands of the Nation and it's people as it grows."The Chief stressed economic development as the key to future progress of the Nation - "to create new jobs and bring revenue to the tribe."

Chief Cox sees the future as a challenge for his people - "As with any government, we are confronted with challenges. We continue to strive for better health care, meaningful education, and adequate housing. We are committed to this challenge and ultimately this committment will improve the quality of life for our people," he said.

Outlining his priorities for tribal government, the Chief said the continued battle to maintain tribal sovereignty ("we must, in the spirit of our ancestors, continue the legal battles for our tribal existence") and economic development - "This is a first priority - it is important that tribal economic enterprises be allowed to pursue long-term goals. It is my desire that 1988 be a year that is a turning point for Creek Nation in economic development projects."

—NOTICE—

The Creek Nation CHR Program will no longer have transport services effective March 1. This is an executive decision based on decreased funding levels for this summer. The CHR staff will continue to do home visits in the communities with emphasis on health education and prevention. For more information contact the Creek Nation CHR Program at the Complex, 756-8700, ext. 228.

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OU Minority Recrujter Position Available

To strengthen services and further programs for minority students at the University of Oklahoma, four separate offices serving ethnic minorities have been reorganized administratively.

"The reorganization will improve our ability to serve students by providing leadership and direction for all of the minority student services offered by OU," said OU President for Student Affairs Anona Adair.

Coordinators for the four offices--American Indian, Asian American, Black and Hispanic American student services--will report to a director of Minority student services, who will be named following a nationwide search.

Nominations for that position are being accepted through Feb. 1.

The director, who reports to the vice president for Student Affairs, will have the responsibility on the Norman campus to administer the operation of minority student services, including overseeing staff, budget, programs and services.

A major function of the position will be program development.

The minority student services office is designed to further the recruitment, matriculation and graduation of ethnic minority students.

Candidates should have a master's degree in student personnel or a related field or equivalent experience or training. Candidates also should have three years' experience to include counseling, administrative and budgetary responsibilities.

Interested people should submit a cover letter with a philosophical statement about the role of minority student services and resume with two letters of reference to the search committee chair, Mel Messer, Student Affairs, 225 Oklahoma Memorial Union, 900 Asp Ave., Norman, Ok 73019.

NEOSU To Hold Indian Symposium Activities-

"Way of the Sacred Eagle" is the theme this year for the 16th Annual Indian Heritage activities of the Symposium of the American Indian that will be held April 11-16 at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah. There will be workshops, Indian art and book displays, arts and crafts and a Pow-Wow. Carol Young is the chairperson of the Symposium in the Division of Social Sciences at NEOSU.

—NOTICE—

CN Community Health Eyeglass Applications

The Creek Nation Office of Community Health will begin taking applications for eyeglasses on Wednesday, January 27, 1988. Attached is a listing of dates and locations where applications will be taken. Listed below are the guidelines for the program.

To qualify for the Creek Nation Eyeglasses Assistance Program, persons must meet the following criteria;

- Possess a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) Card
- Verify household income - must be within guidelines
- Reside within Creek Nation boundary
- Complete an application form
- If assisted by an IHS Optometry program within the past year, not eligible
- Priority to those age 60 and over who meet the above guidelines
- Persons will be assisted if funds are available

Dates and location for application:

Wednesday, January 27, 1988 - Okmulgee District: Creek Nation Tribal Complex Okmulgee, Okla

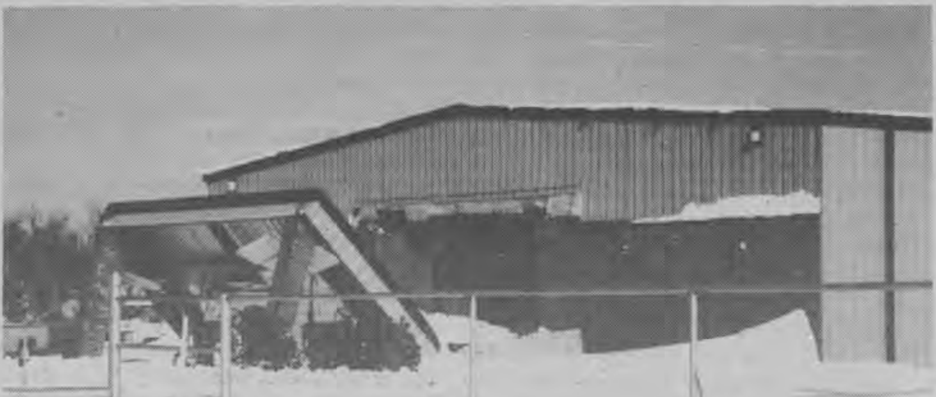
Thursday, January 28, 1988 - (2 locations) - Creek District: 1) Sapulpa Health Clinic Sapulpa, Okla - Okfuskee District: 2) Creek Nation Community Hospital Okemah, Okla

Friday, January 29, 1988 - (2 locations) -Wagoner District: 1) Coweta Community Center, Coweta, Okla - McIntosh District: 2) Eufaula Health Clinic, Eufaula, Okla

Monday, February 1, 1988 - (2 locations) - Hughes District: 1) Holdenville Community Center, Holdenville, Okla -Tulsa District: 2) Tulsa Native American Coalition, 6539 E. 31 st, Tulsa, Okla

Tuesday, February 2, 1988 - Muskogee District: Muskogee Community Center, 111 S. Virginia Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Times at all locations will be from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Persons are encouraged to make applications at their respective scheduled dates and locations. 1987 poverty income guidelines for all states (except Alaska and Hawaii). Size of family unit and income: one at $458.33 monthly, two at $616.66 monthly, three at $775.00 monthly, four at $933.33 monthly, five at $1091.66 monthly, six at $1250.00 monthly, seven at $1408.33 monthly, and eight at $1566.66 monthly.



THE OKMULGEE BINGO HALL ENTRANCE ROOF COLLAPSED *under the weight of almost 12 inches of snow accumulation, Thursday, January 7. The Bingo Hall, operated by Creek Nation, was closed for two days but reopened on January 9th after the snow and debris was cleared away. The Bingo Hall formally opened February 28, 1987. —photo by Gary Robinson*

CN Social Services to Distribute Clothing Donated by Inmates

Bernice Hale, coordinator for the Christmas Ayuda Toy Drive reports that clothing has also been received.

Mrs. Hale has been recruiting volunteers locally to separate the clothing. They are need of clothes racks, hangers and shelves.

However, the clothes will not be distributed as the Christmas toys were. They will be distributed through the Creek Nation Social Services and possibly other referral agencies. Clothing will be issued to needy families such as homes being destroyed by fire or other acts of nature, families that cannot provide adequate clothing because of unemployment, etc. Mrs. Hale states, "We are trying to establish a system that will be more effective and clothing can be distributed fairly." It was also mentioned that at this point the project will not be completed until spring.

The clothing was donated by the Elks Lodge, Mannasquan, New Jersey. Chubby Anderson, Job Developer for the tribe and does volunteer work with prison inmates, has been the contact person with Rick Rowe, prison inmate at Rahway state prison in New Jersey who originated the Ayuda toy drive and also worked with George Becroft, member of the Elks Lodge, on their donation of the clothes.

Mrs. Hale added that letters have been sent thanking Rick Rowe for providing Christmas toys and gifts for our Indian children and adults. She also mentions that the Ottawa Indians of Miami, Okla shared their toys with the Creek Nation this year.

Ancestry Information—

Dear MNN,

I have been doing research on my family (Perryman) name and would like to be put in touch with some one who is knowledgeable about the "Creek Indians" named "Perryman." My interest is that most researchers indicates that, Perrymans are from England. Only two references show that Perrymans are Welsh. (1) An article in the Tulsa World Newspaper, about two years ago by Missy Kruse-titled Tulsa's First Family-Perryman, this article stated this group were Welsh. (2) In my Great Grandfathers bible it is written, "We are Welsh descendants. My lineage is from N.C. (Rowan/Davidson counties. 1765 c John and Susannah Pickett Perryman, 1794c Charles and Pheba Clenard Perryman, 1822 c Andrew and Cynthia Wright Perryman.

There is one more generation but have not proven the lineage-Isaac and Margaret Perryman born in Maryland-1735c. Last summer I talked to Robert Trepp, Beggs, Okla and he said a Goldie Perryman was the first contact, however he did not have her address, could be in Tulsa. Anyone who can give me information on the genealogy of Benjamin Perryman (1828), Creek Tribal Town Chief in Alabama and later in Wagoner county, Ok., will be appreciated.

Sincerely,
Howard L. Perryman
PO Box 1514
Fargo, ND 58107 - 1514

1988-89 Muscogee National Council-

***MEMBERS OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATIONAL COUNCIL WERE FORMALLY INSTALLED** into office at inaugural ceremonies held January 4 in the Tribal Mound Auditorium. Shown left to right, backrow are: Alexander Thomas, Sandy McIntosh, Carney Roberts, Robert Buck, Frank Kamp, Larry Bible, Harvey Gilroy, Roy Bear, Tom Newton, Clarence Cloud, Ed Frye, Tommy Berryhill, Barton Williams; Front row: Clyde Johnson, George Almerigi, Johnson Buck, Helen Chupco, Donna Rhoades, Leah Stacy, Irene Cleghorn, Jonas Dunson, Kenneth Childers, and Bill Burden. Not shown are: Mickey Primeaux, Harley Little and Jerry Wilson. Kenneth Childers was elected Speaker of the House, Frank Kamp was elected Second Speaker and Mickey Primeaux was elected Sergeant-at-Arms. The first meeting for the new Council is scheduled for January 30 in the Mound Auditorium.*

TASK FORCE

Continued. . .

have been divided and re-divided among heirs and the interest would have to be individually computed according to rate changes.

Parris also told of a 1983 study conducted by Price Waterhouse. The report cited the major weakness in the Department of Interior to be "internal control." Parris injected his personal viewpoint as he saw the problem, "unqualified personnel within the system."

He went on to say that in the past, most Indian money was not taxable; but, the language change to the 1982 Tax Equity Act included interest income over $10 now has to be reported to the Internal Revenue Service. This was his approach to answering why the BIA sent out W-9 forms to Indian mineral owners. The BIA needs all the Indian social security numbers so the IRS can get their share of the interest funds- interest funds that have not yet even been distributed to the Indians. Parris also stressed the BIA could be penalized for not filing a 1099 form reporting the interest accumulation.

Coinciding with the BIA's ardent attempt to round up Indian social security numbers, another move was being pursued by Ross Swimmer to lump Indian trust money into investment pools and contract the administration to the Pennsylvania based Mellon Bank. After several months of relentless effort, Swimmer was advised by Congress to suspend the project.

The Indian mineral owners felt before a new system was initiated, the BIA needed to clean up their old system. They questioned why any banking institution would want to take over the task of decades of bureaucratic disorder. At the same time, they were hestitant to fill out the W-9 forms subjecting them to taxation not only on their royalties, but in other areas such as selling traditional arts and crafts. The BIA did not explain why they needed the forms, not even the agency level superintendents could explain the action.

These and other questionable activities such as windfall profit taxes, state excise tax, along with the reconciliation project are but a few of the problem areas the CN task force will pursue.

Rodney Durossette, manager of the tribal realty program and a task force member, explained a problem which frequently arises within his program with the current BIA policy that not all Indian oil and gas leases are under the supervision of the Bureau. An oil and gas lease on restricted minerals that were inherited must be approved by the district court of the county where the minerals are situated. In the past, the BIA has not asserted any jurisdiction over court approved leases and since it is restricted land the state does not assume jurisdiction. This leaves a definite service gap in trust responsibility.

He also stated that of the Five Civilized Tribes: Cherokee, Choctaw, Chickasaw, Seminole and Creek who are under the jurisdiction of the Muskogee Area Office that Creeks constitute 75% of the 330 active leases.

According to a figure supplied to the Muscogee Nation News from Minerals Management Service, Office of External Affairs officer Don Jones, on approximate number of producing tribal and allotteed oil and gas leases administered by the BIA, the Muskogee Area Office administers 559 alloted land leases and 50 tribal leases. Also, according to MMS, there are 4,200 individuals receiving royalties out of the Muskogee office, 990 of those are on direct pay. The number of lease interests held by allottees in the Muskogee ofice is 10,500.

Out of the eight area offices: Aberdeen, Albuquerque, Anadarko, Billings, Minneapolis, Muskogee, Navajo, and Phoenix, the Muskogee numbers are exceeded only by the Anadarko office. These two offices constitute Oklahoma Indian leases and royalties.

Combined, the Muskogee and Anadarko offices administer 1,991 allotteed land leases which is approximately 61.6% of all Indian oil and gas leases nationwide. The two offices administer 11,706 individual Indian royalties or approximately 41.4% of the nationwide total, and 29,684 or approximately 54.2% of all Indian lease interests held by allottees nationwide. (Figures supplied by Minerals Management Service.)

Oklahoma Indians have a substantial vested interest in the accountability of their mineral leases. Chief Cox said that for too long, the Creeks have been subject to misinformation, but most of all, complete lack of information. He indicated the need for a tribal public hearing to be conducted in the very near future by the task force which he hopes will access tribal citizen's concerns about ligitimate problems.

In the meantime, he suggests Creek citizens who have a problem or concern about their land,leases,production or IIM accounts to document in writing their concerns and forward them to the CN Realty Program, Rodney Durossette, Manager, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447.

These documented areas of concern will be individually reviewed by the task force committee and will assist the committee to gather the needed information to forward to Congress when the time comes for Congressional hearings on the matters. Also, if any of the tribal citizens feel an error has been made in their production reports or payment statement, please notify in writing that you would like to request an audit of your account.

Chief Cox reminded that this will not be an immediate cure-all to the problems and said it would actually intensify the whole issue- but it will be a start toward the restructuring of a more accountable BIA system.

Approximate Number of Producing and Allotteed Oil and Gas leases Administered by BIA

Area/Agency Offices	*Allotteed Land Leases*	*Tribal Leases*	*Individuals Receiving Royalties*	*Lease Interests Held by Allottees*
ABERDEEN AREA	*252*		*252*	*273*
ALBUQUERQUE AREA	*99*	*427*	*408*	*823*
ANADARKO AREA	*1,432*	*51*	*7,506*	*19,184*
BILLINGS AREA	*278*	*605*	*1,513*	*2,455*
MINNEAPOLIS AREA	*1*		*5*	*1*
MUSKOGEE AREA	*559*	*50*	**4,200*	*10,500*
NAVAJO AREA	*476*	*167*	*12,275*	*15,623*
PHOENIX AREA	*135*	*150*	*2,100*	*5,815*
GRAND TOTAL	*3,232*	*1,450*	*28,259*	*54,674*

** Includes 990 allottees on direct pay*

Figures Available From Minerals Management Service

Dustin Indian Community News—

By James Fife

Thlewarle Indian Baptist Church held its Eighth Sunday camp meeting Dec. 4, 5, and 6. The Friday evening service was testimonial night.

On Saturday evening, again in this small rural Indian church, the miracle of Christmas was revealed. The Children's Church of Thlewarle presented its third annual Christmas Pageant. The theme for this pageant was "To You This Night is Born a Child."

In the previous two years, the church house has been too small to accomodate the large audiences, so this year the church members enclosed the large front arbor with plastic sheeting and used this area as an auditorium. Again, every seat was filled.

Anna Jo Wefer and Kathleen Snow decorated the "auditorium" and also a beautiful Christmas tree. The large front porch of the church was used as a stage.

The program began with a Creek song and prayer led by the Rev. Eastman Whitlow. The congregation sang "While Shepherds Watch Their Flocks by Night" in Creek. The welcome address was given by Alan Snow. Wendy Whitlow gave a special reading of "Twas the Night Before Jesus Came," and Lea Mouss read "Jesus is the Reason for the Season."

The Children's choir sang two Creek songs; "Cesvs Purke Likan" and "At the Cross." The smallest children sang "Jingle Bells."

A short play, entitled "The Littlest Angel," was presented with Laura Wilson as the lead and Maya Stewart as the Gatekeeper. Carole Stewart narrated. The children then sang "Jesus Loves Me," and the congregation joined them to sing the song in Creek.

The Children's Church then presented "The Christmas Story" with all members participating in the pageant and choir. Lou Panoske narrated the story; Lea Mouss accompanied the story with flute music; Mary LeNan Legrande was Mary and Michael Whitlow, Joseph. Brendon Taylor, Michael Fry, and Eddie Mouss were the three Wisemen; Stephen Taylor, Carl Snow, and Roger Taylor were the three Kings. Maya Stewart was the Angel.

The Rev. Robert Washington of the Okmulgee Indian Baptist Church delivered the Christmas message to the congregation and visitors.

Anna Jo Wefer made announcements and introduced the teachers of the Children's Church.

After the pageant ended, the congregation came up to the children and the teachers and thanked them for the beautiful presentation.

Following the program, candy and fruit were distributed to all, and refreshments were served in the fellowship hall.

Rev. Eastman Whitlow officiated during the Sunday services with Rev. Robert Washington and Rev. Alec Lowe visiting preachers.

During the Communion Service, Rev. Robert Washington officiated and Rev. James Wesley of Wetumka assisted. Assisting deacons were Dick Bunny and John Whitlow.

Nine camps were open. Traditional Christmas dinners of turkey and dressing and all the trimmings were served to guests and family members.

To open the Sunday service, deacon John Whitlow blew the church horn four times, according to Creek tradition. Immediately afterward, an announcement was made of Pearlie Scott's death. Pearlie was one of the oldest members of Thlewarle but had been unable to attend regularly for several years due to ill health.

Hanna Indian Community News

Hanna Community held a Thanksgiving dinner on November 21, 1987, at Wanda Harjo's house. It was a very nice day for the people to come out and join. We also had our candidates, Sandy McIntosh, Daniel Barnett and also Earl Wheeler who was present. Earl Wheeler gave a speech after the dinner.

We also held a Christmas dinner on December 19, 1987 at the school lunchroom. We also had some people from the Redstick party organization were also present.

We would like to thank the people who sent the toys down to our community in Hanna.

Morning Star Fund Raising Announced

With 8% of Okmulgees' approximate 20,000 population being unemployed according to recent statistics, Morning Star Outreach sought to help relieve some of the stress the holidays can bring on by providing food baskets to needy families. Other organizations such as the Salvation Army and churches through out the city provided hundreds of families with much needed food. We want to thank Ms. Lucille Factor and Rita Williams for their contribution and to Word Of Life Outreach Church in Okmulgee and Pastor Mike Beechum for the use of their building.

Morning Star is a non-profit organization and is supported by contribution or donations. In an effort to the raise funds for the on going of our ministry work we are offering the following services for contributions. Sewing, cake decorating, baked pies, minor auto mechanic and electrical jobs, typing and transcribing. If you have need of such services contact Glenda Steele at 918-756-1512 in Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

These services are provided by qualified and experienced members of the Ministry.

Morning Star will sponsor a Basketball Tournament in February, tentatively this is scheduled to be held in Morris, Okla. at the High School Gym.

Letter from Evangelist Ernest Best. . .

"They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters: These see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep." Psalms 107: 23.24

In the book of Joshua, chapter three, the Lord gave command for the priests, bearing the ark of the covenant, to step into the brim of the waters of the Jordan river...and "the lord will do great wonders among you." As the priests dipped their feet into the water, the waters parted. "And the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood firm on dry ground in the midst of Jordan, and all the Israelites passed over on dry ground, until all the people were passed clean over Jordan." v. 17
In the early years of our Christian life the scriptures from the book of Joshua spoke strongly to our hearts about the power of God and Christian service. The command of God was to go forward, conquer the land. "Be strong, and of a good courage, be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee withersoever thou goest." There were words of discouragement from other people. Yet, the still, small voice of the Holy Spirit of God kept calling and leading.
God has something for every person and every church to do. We have heard the question, "What can one small, country church do?" When we make ourselves fully available to God, we can see great things done. God is limited only by our availability (or lack of it). Some are afraid to even "get their feet wet" in the service of God and never see the wonders of God. As we make ourselves available to God, he leads into "greater waters." As we are faithful in small things, he gives responsibility in greater things.

In our society today we face so much opposition in serving God that we may be tempted to become less zealous. We become more "prayerful and careful". However, I feel that we should do as the old gospel song urges and "Step out into the water....Wade out a little bit deeper..."Let us not loose our vision. Let us not loose our zeal. Caleb was 85 years old when he said, "As yet I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me: as my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war, both to go out, and to come in. Now therefore give me that mountain, where of the Lord spake in that day. Joshua 14:10,11.

In 1988, let us go down to the sea in ships, do business in great waters, and see the wonderous works of our Lord.

A review of 1987 shows we were in 12 states, and 2 Canadian provinces. We were on 17 reservations, with 12 different tribes preaching revivals, as well as several cities. We were in 4 missions conferences and two camp meetings. During the year, our son joined our team as a musician, singer and youth worker. We praise God for this addition to our ministry.
I finished the year in an evangelism conference in Bible Baptist Church, Mattoon, Illinois, and New Year's Eve in First Baptist Church, Gillespie, Illinois. Bennie showed slides of our work in our church on New Year's Eve.

We are looking forward to 1988. God is enlarging our vision for this ministry. We will be sharing these exciting things with you in the months ahead. We ask that you pray with us that we be obedient to the leadership of the Lord. The Lord's work is never trouble free, as Satan is always in there working, trying to hinder the work as much as possible. We praise God for you who have faithfully prayed for us and supported us financially over the past years, and for you who have just joined with us in this ministry. We are truly co-laborers together. We know God blesses you as he blesses us now, and we look forward to the time of true reward when we see people saved from every tribe and nation in that great day of our Lord.

May the Lord give you a fruitful year in His service.

Your missionaries to the North American Indians,
Bro. Ernest, Bennie, and Jerry Best

P.S. A Special Prayer Request. We have requested permission of the Omaha Tribe to have revival on their reservation in February. The request goes before the tribal counsel the last week of January. There is no Bible preaching church on that reservation. Please pray that permission will be granted and many souls will be saved there.

Delaware is Minority Entrepreneur of the Year

Lewis B. Ketchum, Chief of the Delaware Tribe has been named, by President Reagan in a White House ceremony, as one of two winners of the title, "Minority Entrepreneur of the Year."

Ketchum, 52, is the owner of the Red Man Pipe & Supply Co. of Tulsa, which sells oil field equipment. The company's expected revenues are $50 million. Ketchum has been in the oil field business for 30 years and each year his firm gives out a $10,000 minority scholarship.

There are over 840,000 minority-owned businesses currently in the Nation.

In news account, the President said that 14 million new jobs has been created in the past five years. It's not the government that created this explosion of jobs, but private businesses like yours," he told the group of minority business people.

Creek Woman is Named Coordinator for Minority Participation at OU

***WINONA SIMS SHILLING,** Euchee-Creek, was recently named Coordinator for Minority Participation in the College of Arts and Sciences Department at the University of Oklahoma in Norman. She is enthusiastic about her new job and sees it as an opportunity to assist all minority students, particularly American Indians, in successfully completing college coursework toward a degree and a better future.*

-photo by Gary Robinson

By Kathryn Bell

Entering an institute of higher learning for the first time student, is often a complex and bewildering experience - often especially true for minority students. However, at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, every effort has been made to set in motion, programs that assist it's ethnic minority students in this process. One such program is aimed at giving the students the support they need to complete their academic training. The latter is a goal Winona Shilling believes in and works diligently to achieve.

Winona assumed the newly-created position of Coordinator for Minority Participation at the University of Oklahoma, December 1. She works directly under Dean Robert Hemenway of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Explaining the basic concept of that position, Winona said the need for such a job function arose out of concern for retention of the university's ethnic students, particularly the American Indian, who have the lowest retention rate of all minorities. Ms Shilling said,"There are 550 American Indian students at OU and there is no reason for low retention rates, " she said emphasizing that with proper support systems for all minorities, provided by the University - these students would have a greater opportunity to graduate. "Besides Oklahoma, Arizona, New Mexico and California are the only other groups that have a potential for developing good educational programs for Native Americans, because of the high Indian population - but," she emphasized, "not at the exclusion of Blacks, Hispanic and Asian American - and I think Oklahoma could become the leader among these states."

"I see my job as supplementing the on-going efforts by OU, especially the Student Affairs program, with special emphasis on the graduate level - recognizing that the effort really begins at the pre-college level and often, even at the pre-school level for our minority students," she said, continuing, "I also see my activities as including reaching out to grass roots communities, assisting with the communication of programs and opportunities that are in place at all levels and with all minority groups." Ms. Shilling believes these efforts help in creating an environment for students who then can thrive and be encouraged to move on into professional and faculty positions, if that is their desire.

Although Ms. Shilling works on recruitment of all minorities, she feels that recruitment of American Indians should be a natural at the University - "I don't think that we are taking away from the other minorities -the recruitment of Indians is a matter of utilizing the human resource that is ready to be tapped in this state," she further commented that such recruitment efforts of this minority couldn't be duplicated in such areas as New York or Chicago - "we are just looking at what is already here in this state - Indians. Besides that, the successes of these students who complete graduation from their course of study will serve as role models and encouragement to the younger students," she explained.

The emergence of a new image for the University appears to be in the making with the emphasis on American Indian student recruitment - Ms. Shilling explained: "Our state's Native American population is significant and we should be an educational center for American Indian studies. We are ideally located with many students of different tribal affiliations attending school here." Ms. Shilling remarked this move to make OU a center for American Indian studies was "long 'overdue," and that hopefully, the University would develop programs that would benefit the Indian student and thereby help meet the objective of the state's various tribes, in securing an education for their young people.

Pointing out the long-range projections on student participation of other minority groups, in relation to American Indian participation, she said that by the year 1995, one-third of all college age students, nationally, will be Black or Hispanic, particularly in California and Texas and that Asian Americans " are increasing their participation in academic institutions, above and beyond their population percentage."

Responding to the inquiry of why it is important for colleges and universities, such as OU, to have an aggressive recruitment program for Native Americans, Shilling responded, "because we are not the vanishing race they predicted - we are here to stay, our culture will survive and I personally believe there is unity among the tribes to preserve that culture." She also emphasized that there is room for duality of identity for American Indians in what she terms 'bicultural competence' - "being skilled in more than one culture makes your perspective of the world and the human condition broader - it makes you more on target." Ms. Shilling feels our individual sense of success comes from having more than just one viewpoint and one perspective.

The combination of uniqueness of identity and cultural strengths and the role they play in attainment of success, is true not just for American Indians, but for all ethnic minorities, Ms. Shilling believes; "The more you know about yourself and your history and the more you can develop along these lines, the more able you will be to deal with the complexities of self-development that being a minority is associated with."

The ramifications of our society, once an industrialized nation, preparing to move into the new technologies of the 21st century, have their effect as Indian people prepare to make that transition - Ms. Shilling commented: "I think for American Indian people who have legal interests in natural resources and have certain legal devices in which to develop these interests, then their number one interest or field of endeavor should be in technology and management." She continued, "we as Indian people have a natural connection to the earth and we as educators have a reason to be concerned to help all our students prepare to make the transition - because the key is education - which after all is the ability to take in new information, concept and ideas and to effectively utilize it - this is what the ancients did - teach their children and passed it on to future generations." Ms. Shilling reiterated this process of education and the new perspective it gives will be essential in dealing with the new technologies and particularly prudent management of our natural resources, which will figure prominently in our national and global future.

Although her job has, as she termed, some "pretty large goals to accomplish," the efforts on behalf of the minority students she works with will produce positive results - and she is committed to the challenge - "I think the issues here all point out that you have to begin now - whether one is ready to do that, I think, depends on each person's commitment. Personally, that commitment came to me through the things my mother taught and served as an example for - these teachings have made me more aware of my efforts here," she said, referring to the influence her mother, the late Beulah King, had on her life.

Ms. Shilling, Euchee-Creek, was born in Okmulgee and graduated from the city high school, but was raised in Florida, where her father, Yahola Sims, was in the Air Force. Her grandmother is Peggy Berryhill. Winona lives in Norman with her husband, Cliff and their three children; Kimberly, a Freshman at OU, Allen, 14, and Taylor, 4. She has studied in the diverse fields of law and music and holds a Bachelor of Arts in English from the University, a Masters degree from the University in Guidance and Counseling and is currently beginning work on a doctorate in higher education. Previous to the position she now holds, Ms. Shilling served as Counselor/Recruiter/Project Director in the Minority Engineering Program at the University for six years.

Apart from her staff duties, Winona has been active in field-related organizational work. She will turn over the presidency of the National Association of Minority Engineering Program Administrators (NAMEPA) in February. The national association is comprised of over 75 universities and colleges and that same number of industries and individuals. She also belongs to the Quality Education for Minority Project, a national organization funded by the Carnegie Foundation and based at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). "Involvement in these organizations have kept me on the front line of what is happening nationally and both have provided a year of tremendous growth for me in my field," she remarked. Closer to the homefront, she has just been asked to serve as sponsor for the American Indian Student Association at the University, a role she looks forward to - "These kids deserve all the assistance and support they can receive," she said.

Her personal objectives include "learning to speak Creek and starting a language project for my students."

Involved in the Euchee-Creek traditions of her people, Ms. Shilling modestly divulged she had been the Creek Nation Princess in 1965. She is also a member of Tallahassee Indian Methodist Church in the Creek Nation.

CN Social Services Undergoes Positive Restructuring

THE CN SOCIAL SERVICES STAFF *are shown as follows; front row, left to right, Will Anquoe, Penny Sanders, and Pat Frank; back row, left to right, Diane McCrary, Etta Conner, Cheryl Potts, Helen Coon and Patty Factor. Not shown is Judy Rolland.*

By Kathryn Bell

Etta Conner, Acting Manager of the Social Services Program, announced today that the program has been restructured to a degree for the purpose of better delivery of services, efficiency and cost-effectiveness.

According to Ms. Conner, who has been in the position of Acting Manager since last year, the program, which is under the Division of Community Services, now includes relocating the Indian Child Welfare and Children's Services together with the main Social Services offices housed at the Complex. "The relocation was necessary for better client confidentiality, because of the sensitive nature of Indian Child Welfare cases," she explained. "The more centralized the different components of the Social Services are, the better the progam continuity is."

Other changes to the program which came upon the Acting Manager's reassessment of service delivery, was the closing of the Muskogee social service office due to low caseload. However, a Field Day in Muskogee has been set up on each Tuesday from 8 - 5 p.m. at the Muskogee Indian Community Center, 111 Virginia St. This office will serve Muskogee, Wagoner, Rogers and Mayes County.

Judy Rolland, intake counselor, is now on duty at the Okemah office which is located behind the CN Hospital in a trailor. She will be there Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30 - 4:30 p.m. However, the satellite office at Okemah will be open four days a week. On Thursdays, Mrs. Rolland will be at the Holdenville office located at the Sr. Citizens center from 9-3 p.m. The Okemah facility will be responsible for taking applications for Okfuskee and Hughes County.

Other Field Days will be held at Sapulpa at the Sapulpa Indian Clinic each Wednesday afternoon. This includes Creeks who live outside the Tulsa City limits (Tulsa County and Glenpool residents).

Monitoring of the Field Day offices will continue, according to Ms. Conner, in an attempt to "get the staff out in the field where the people are." She remarked that these changes have been implemented with every effort being made to accomplish them without additional administrative cost to the program. She has also streamlined staff budgets for better efficiency in accounting.

The CN Social Service Program consists of Creek Nation services to Creek people only and those services contracted by the tribe under the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Social Services under the BIA include two categories; General Assistance - services intended to meet certain specified unmet needs of eligible Indian people such as providing direct payments to meet those needs; and Miscellaneous Assistance includes burial assistance, disaster and emergency assistance. Also, Family and Child Welfare services are BIA contracted services as well as Indian Child Welfare. "Indian Child Welfare reduces the breakup of Indian families by providing court intervention and social services in state court welfare cases that involve Creek children," said Conner, adding the program goals include "reduction of the rate of child abuse by providing preventive and remedial services to families who aren't involved in court action, but who are experiencing serious dysfunction."

She added that the Indian Child Welfare also provides community-based programs for Creek citizens designed to provide primary prevention of child abuse and neglect. Currently the tribe has provided space and an office to operate a CASA (Court-appointed special advocates) volunteer office that works with the Indian Child Welfare program.

Employment Assistance is also a BIA-contracted service of the tribe. This program provides assistance to individuals going into new employment and is limited in use.

Another program focused on family relations, is the Children's Services - funded by Title IV-B. "This program is a kind of expansion of Indian Child Welfare and works hand-in-hand with it," explained Ms. Conner, who also provided information on the Family Violence program as a new program designed to help prevent battered wives or husbands. "This program provides counseling and referrals to services and in potentially dangerous situations, food and shelter are provided until a stable environment is achieved."

Programs provided by the tribe for Creek tribal members (only for enrolled Creek citizens) include; Energy Assistance - funds paid directly to utility companies for needy families who need help in paying utilities; the Tribal Burial Program - funds in the amount of one thousands dollars for burial costs and is not limited to those Creeks who live within the Creek Nation jurisdictional boundaries; and the Emergency Medical Needs Program which provides for medical needs not met by CN Hospital or clinics. This one time grant can be used for life-sustaining medications from a pharmacy and or equipment.

The other staff of the Social Services progam includes; Will Anquoe - Social Worker Supervisor who supervises the intake counselor; Patty Factor - Department Secretary in the Complex office; Judy Rolland - Intake Counselor located at the Okemah Field office; Diane McCrary - Intake counselor at the Complex; Cheryl Potts - Coordinator for Children's Services and Family Violence and works with Indian Child Welfare; Helen Coon - Caseworker, Indian Child Welfare; Penny Sanders - new caseworker for Indian Child Welfare; and Patsy Frank - caseworker, Indian Child Welfare.

Etta, fullblood Creek, has worked for the tribe for 13 years, starting as an administrative assistant in the Division of Tribal Affairs. For the next nine years, she was the Special Assistant to Chief Cox before assuming the position of Acting Manager with the Social Service. She lives in Glenpool with her two children, Sheila and Richard.

For more information on any of the Social Services programs, contact the office at 756-8700, ext. 292.

The Field Day Schedule is as follows:

Tuesday-8-5-Muskogee
Wednesday-1-5-Sapulpa
Thursday-9-3-Holdenville

Ask Your Dentist:
February is National Childrens Dental Month

Dr. G. Brian Horrocks, Okmulgee Dental Clinic

This year marks the 40th anniversary of this national campaign, which began in Cleveland as a single days' observance on February 3, 1941. National Childrens Health Day as celebrated annualy from 1949 until 1955, when observance was expanded to the first week in February. National Children's Dental Health Month first celebrated in 1981, is now observed nationwide in more than 1,500 U.S. communities and abroad on American Armed Services Posts.

The theme of this year's celebration - A Healthy Smile Shows Your Style!- underscores dentistry's vital role in children's total health, attractive appearance, and positive self image.

Watch the media for the message. This month 650 television stations will receive a National Children Dental Health Month (NCDHM) public service announcement featuring model Cheryl Tiegs. Listeners will also be informed through public announcements by radio stations that February is a special month and reminding them to see their dentists.

Did you know that:

*Paul Revere, who warned that "The British are coming", made his living as a dentist.

*George Washingtons teeth weren't made of wood at all. The first President's dentures were made from hippopotamus, walrus, cow's teeth, and elephant tusk.

*Animals get toothaches too. Mike a polar bear in Chicago, had a bad toothache from eating too many marshmallows tossed to him by visitors at the zoo. He had to have his tooth fixed.

*The first toothbrush was invented in China in the 15th century. Before that people cleaned their teeth by chewing on small twigs.

*Smile when you say "Cheese". Some cheeses actually protect teeth from decay. Fresh vegetables, popcorn and nuts are also good snacks.

Remember education is our first objective so if you have any questions about your childs teeth, please ask.

Red Earth '88 Princess Competition

All Candidates Will Receive A Trophy
Prizes For Runners Up
(Qualifications)

-Must be between the ages of 17-25
-Must never have been married
-Each application must be accompanied with $25 entry fee, which may be furnished by the applicant or a sponsor
-Must be at least 1/4 degree Indian
-Must fill out application and return by deadline
-Absolute Deadline Feb. 13, 1988
-Winner does not have to relinquish other titles

The winner will be announced at the Red Earth '88 benefit Pow Wow at the Made in Oklahoma Building 2, State Fairgrounds, Oklahoma City, OK on February 20, 1988

For more information contact Red Earth Princess Chairman, Shirley Wapskineh, 515 S.E. 45th, OKC, OK 73120. Telephone 405/632-5227.

—OBITUARIES—

SILAS WILSON

Silas Wilson 74, Haskell, Okla died Saturday, Dec. 12. Services were held at 2 p.m., December 15 in the Leonard Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Thomas Roughface officiating.

Burial was in the Haskell cemetery under the direction of Leonard Funeral Home of Bixby.

Olan Wilson , Earl Wilson, Danny Brese, Jimmy Wilson, Mike Bucktrot, Woodrow Wilson, served as pallbearers. Bennie Wilson, Tony Aguilar, Joe Silas Wilson, Robert E. Wilson and Thomas Wilson were honorary pallbearers.

Si was born Sept. 2, 1913, at Stone Bluff, Okla to Thomas Wilson and Samara Colbert Wilson. He was married to Susanna Brown Wilson on Oct. 16, 1954 in Fort Worth, Texas. She preceded him in death on Dec. 11, 1985. They had no children.

Si was baptised as an infant at Concharty Indian Methodist Church west of Haskell.

He retired from Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City, Okla; as a sheet metal worker. He was a veteran of WWII and member of American Legion Post 56 of Haskell.

Si is survived by one sister Kizzie W. Miller of Haskell and one half sister, Sarah Bruner of Okmulgee. A host of neices, nephews and friends.

JENKIE THOMAS

Jenkie Thomas, age 66, died Monday, December 14, in an Okemah hospital.

Mr. Thomas was born Oct. 29, 1921 in Okfuskee County and married Lillie Thomas on Dec. 26, 1941 in Okemah. He was a retired construction worker and a member of the High Springs Baptist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas had been residents of Preston for the past 14 years.

He is survived by his wife, Lillie Thomas of the home; one daughter, Lillian Thomas of Okmulgee; two brothers, Adam G. Thomas of San Diego, Cal.; two sisters, Betty Miller of Hubbard Texas, and Anna M. Lowe of Tahlequah; and three granddaughters.

Wake services were at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16, at the First Indian Baptist Church, Okmulgee.

Funeral services were scheduled at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec 17, at the First Indian Baptist Church. Rev. Bridge Chuckluck, Jr. and Rev. Solomon Bullett officiated. Final rites followed at Johnson Cemetery in Okfuskee County under the direction of. Cantrell-Kelley Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Jimmy Jones, Timothy Goodvoice, Kenny Goodvoice, Fred Jones, Walter Jones, Jr. and Loper Jones.

OLLIE CAROLINE PITTMAN

Ollie Caroline Pittman, 99, of Eufaula, died Thursday, Dec. 17, at Muskogee Regional Medical Center. Services were Sunday, Dec. 20 at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Eufaula, with the Rev. Ernest Best and Rev. Boney McIntosh officiating. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery under the direction of Black's Funeral Home of Eufaula.

Pallbearers were James Hallum, Greg Growcock, Ted Pittman, Jack Turner, Cheesie McIntosh, Jr., Lang Pittman, Mike Pittman and Tim Turner.

Mrs. Pittman was born Oct. 21, 1888, at Stidham, Indian Territory, the daughter of Ozier and Kizzie Hawkins Estes. She attended school at the Eufaula Boarding School and attended church at Tuskegee Baptist where her grandfather, Samuel Hawkins, and her mother were charter members. At the time of her death, she was a member of the Stidham Baptist Church.

On January 16, 1908, at the age of 19, she was married to Samuel Lewis Pittman at Fame, Oklahoma.

The couple settled on their farm north of Stidham where she remained for nearly 70 years. Mr. and Mrs. Pittman celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1958. Her husband preceded her in death in 1964.

Mrs. Pittman enjoyed excellent health over her 99 years. Until the very hour of her death she remained rational and mentally alert. The greatest enjoyment in her life was her family and many friends. She was a loving and devoted mother who will be missed and cherished.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Pittman was preceded in death by one son, Billy Ray Pittman, and one daughter, Ramona Johnson, both during 1987.

Survivors include; four daughters, Lucille Hallum of Haskell, Estes McIntosh of Bixby, Nadine Buck of Eufaula, Charlotte Turner of Eufaula; three sons, Langston Pittman of Eufaula, Lincoln Pittman of Stidham, Glenn Pittman of Eufaula; a cousin, Minnie Smith of Pierce; 27 grandchildren, 52 great grandchildren, 28 great-great grandchildren.

FANNIE MAE "JO" TURNER HANSBRO

Fannie Mae "Jo" Turner Hansbro, 69, of Eufaula, died Sunday, Dec. 13, at home. Services were Wednesday, December. 16, at the First Baptist Church, Eufaula, with the Revs. Tim Turner, Gene Cook, and Boney McIntosh officiating. Burial was at Greenwood Cemetery under the direction of Black's Funeral Home of Eufaula.

Pallbearers were Bryan Lewis, Lowell Downum, Wayne Cook, Charles Lewis, Thomas McIntosh and J.D. Williams.

Mrs. Hansbro was born Aug. 7, 1918, at Hanna, the daughter of Thomas Cebastian and Polly Yonder Cook.She attended school in her youth at Raiford and Eufaula.

She married Reuben Turner in 1942. He preceded her in death in 1964. She married Boyd Hansbro in 1969 and he preceded her in death in 1984.

Mrs. Hansbro was the last postmistress at Fame, retiring when the post office closed in 1965. She was a member of the Stidham Baptist Church, the Eastern Star, the White Shrine and was a past president of the American Legion Auxilliary. She was preceded in death by one son, Ronald Gene Cook.

Survivors include; four daughters, Lana Lewis of Bixby, Sandra Peters of Oxford, Kansas, Deborah Johnson of Eufaula and Pamela Hunt of Skiatook; two sons, John Turner of Poteau, D.J. Turner of Garland, Texas; one sister, Mary Scott of Eufaula, 20 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

JOHN DAVID HARJO

Wake services for John David Harjo, six week old son of Albert Lee and Ramona Harjo of Okmulgee, were held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec 22 in the Cantrell Ivory Chapel.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Dec 23 at 1 p.m. at the Tiger home place, west of Okemah with Rev. Bridge Chuckluck Jr., officiating. Interment was in the Tiger Family Cemetery.

John David was born November 3, 1987 in Okemah, died December 21, 1987. In addition to his parents, he is survived by a brother, Erik Harjo of the home in Okmulgee; a half-brother, Jantzen McNac of Okmulgee; grandmothers, Betty Scott, Okmulgee and Patricia Henneha, Okemah; grandfather, Andrew Wise Talamasey, Bowlegs; great grandmothers, Reba Butler, Okmulgee and Christine Henneha, Okemah; and great-great grandmother, Melissa Tiger, Okemah.

THANK YOU

The family sends our "thank you" for all your devotion and help you gave to John David.

CHARLES JACOBS

Funeral services for Charles Lee Jacobs age 16 were held January 7 at the Hutchachuppa Indian Baptist Church, south of Henryetta. Rev. Robert Washington officated the services with Rev. Joe Spain assisting.

Charles was born January 13, 1971 in Lawton and died in an Oklahoma City Hospital following a long illness. He attended Arbeka Baptist Church.

Survivors include his parents, Paul and Alene Jacobs of Henryetta; one brother Paul Amos Jacobs of Henryetta; his grandparents, Joseph and Emma Jacobs, both of Henryetta, and Geneva Barnetta of Weleetka; and several other relatives.

PEARL B WATSON

Funeral services for Mrs. Pearl B. Watson, 86 were held at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan 11 in the Buchanan Memorial Chapel with Rev. Carl Clay of Okemah officiating.

Private family interment was in the Okmulgee Cemetery under direction of the McClendon Funeral Home.

Mrs. Watson, who was born July 5, 1901 in Ozark, Arkansas, died Jan. 8 in a local nursing home. She was a member of the Landmark Baptist Church at Morse, Okla. She was preceded in death by her husband, Y. Dan Watson in 1966.

Survivors include one son, Erwin Watson of Okmulgee; three daughters, Edna Epperson, Okmulgee, Dorothy Curry, Okemah and Verna L. Cloon of Okmulgee; two brothers, Charlie Dawson, Independence, Kan., and Jay Dawson of Texas; seven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

AMANDA COSAR

Amanda N. Cosar, 60, native Henryettan, died Jan. 8 in Sapulpa where she was a resident.

Born Nov. 22, 1927 in Henryetta, Mrs. Cosar retired in 1984 from Liberty Glass Company after working 26 years. She was a member of the Arbeka Indian Baptist Church. She was married to Charlie Cosar in February of 1953.

Survivors include her husband, Charlie Cosar of the home in Sapulpa; one son, Freeland (Butch) Powell of Tulsa; two daughters, Rita Anderson, Tulsa, and Charlene Watashe, Glenpool; 10 grandchildren; six sisters, Susie Monday, Morris, Hepsey Gilroy and Angie Screechowl, both of Henryetta, Minnie Lowe, Weleetka, Fannie Coffee, Tulsa and Rosella Tanequodle, Anadarko; and one brother, Willie Randall of Beggs.

Night services were held in the Shurden Chapel. The body was taken to the Arbeka Indian Bapitst Church and services held there January 12. Interment was in Arbeka Church Cemetery.

Diabetics Need Special Foot Care—

Diabetes is a disease which affects the body's ability to make proper use of the sugar we eat. It lowers resistance to infections, often prevents normal healing, and affects circulation and nerve sensations in the feet. These problems make the diabetic susceptible to severe foot problems.

More than eleven million Americans are affected by this serious disease.

Diabetes and its complications are the third leading cause of death by disease in this country.

"Because diabetic patients often suffer from neuropathy, insensitivity or loss of the ability to feel pain, heat and cold, it is important for diabetics to take extra precautions."

Important foot health care for the diabetic includes:

-Have your feet professionally examined by a podiatrist at least twice a year.

-Inspection of your feet daily for redness, blisters, cuts, cracks between the toes, discoloration or any changes. Treat minor abrasions with antiseptic recommended by your podiatrist.

Avoid actions that restrict circulation to your feet-smoking, sitting with legs crossed, and exposing feet to cold or hot.

-Avoid over-counter corn products. Many contain acid and can destroy tissue, leaving skin open to infection.

-Prevent cuts and irritations. Don't go barefoot, treat your own feet with sharp instruments or dig into the corners of the toenails.

-Practice daily foot hygiene and wear shoes, socks or hosiery that fit well.

You should also keep in mind when seeing your podiatrist for treatment, that he or she will recognize any change in your diabetes and will promptly recommend that you go back to see the doctor who is treating you for that condition. Often this will result in your receiving necessary treatment earlier than would have otherwise been possible.

Ferron Culley, first Indian to run for Mason School Board

The concerned Indian citizens of Mason community are announcing that Ferron Culley has filed for the Mason School board elections to be held January 26th.

It has been reported that Mason school has an enrollment of 30% Indians. Also, that school district has never ran an Indian for a seat on the board, of which Ferron will be the first.

Indian Inmate, Ben Carnes Receives 1987 Oklahoma Human Rights Award-

The Oklahoma Human Rights Commission is a state agency created in 1963 to "work toward removing friction, eliminating discrimination, and promoting unity and understanding among all the people of Oklahoma."

By Helen Chalakee as told by Ben Carnes

Ben Carnes is a 28 year old Choctaw Indian who recently was selected to receive the 1987 Oklahoma Human Rights Award. The esteemed award is presented to those who have made significant contibutions toward the fulfillment of the Commission's mandate of "removing friction, eliminating discrimination, and promoting unity and understanding among all people in Oklahoma."

The Award presentation took place on November 10, International Human Rights Day, in the Blue Room of the State Capitol. But Carnes was not present to accept the recognition because he is incarcerated at Joseph Harp Correctional Center at Lexington, Oklahoma.

The Department of Corrections refused the Human Rights Commissions request that Carnes be transported to the State Capitol, citing "security problems" as the reason for denying the request.

According to Anne Marshall, a Creek tribal member who is employed with the Community Relations Department of the Commission and was the department responsible for Carne's nomination, "Carnes is probably the first state prisoner to ever receive this type of award."

After being informed he would not be able to attend the presentation, Carnes chose a Choctaw tribal member, actress Nuchie Nashoba, to accept in his behalf. His mother, Lois Carnes, also represented him at the ceremony.

Carnes, who is called a prisoner's rights activist was transferred to Joseph Harp last November from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester where he was involved in a 1986 civil rights lawsuit claiming that the prison's grooming code requiring hair be cut above the eyes, ears and collar was an infringement upon the rights of Native Americans to practice their religious beliefs.

The lawsuit named the prison warden, Gary Maynard, as the defendent. Maynard is now the director of the Department of Corrections who denied the request for Carnes to be transported to the Capitol to receive the Human Rights Award.

Carnes believes the "hair cutting issue" was used as a smokescreen by certain legislators at a hearing to investigate the cause of the McAlester Prison takeover in December 1985 that resulted in the prison issuing permanent lockdown status for most of the inmates.

He states that former State Representative Frank Harbin of McAlester and Rep. Gary Stottlemeyer of Tulsa were the ones who switched the focus of the causes of the takeover to trivial matters. Carnes said, "It was about a week or two after the hearing that I began hearing rumors that prison officials would soon implement a grooming code requiring all prisoners to cut their hair." Carnes went on to say that he didn't take them seriously for a couple of days, but decided not to take chances and filed an administrative grievance detailing the legal and constitutional violations of the Native American religion should the grooming code go into effect."

In setting out the restrictions that the prisoners would be under during the permanent lockdown, Warden Maynard said that everyone would be required to cut their hair and if they refused to comply, their hair would be cut by force.

The next week Carnes said he received a response from an application he had filed with the District Court of Pittsburg County for a temporary restraining order prohibiting the Warden from forcefully cutting his hair by any means. Carnes was granted the TRO. He then filed a motion to certify as a class action. The judge added two more Indian prisoners, but would not add anymore until the Attorney General made a response to the class action motion.

According to Carnes, the Attorney General did respond. But alleged that Carnes had sufficient funds in his mandatory savings account to pay filing fees and that the case would not proceed until he had made payments. Carnes then sent a disbursement to the business manager requesting that he withdraw from his savings account to pay court costs, but the business manager returned the disbursement and sent a note saying, "cannot do this". Carnes then filed a motion for a court order, asking the court to issue an order to the Warden and quoting a prison policy that states the prisoners could use their mandatory savings to pay for court costs.

The court date was set for a hearing and Carnes said he obtained a copy of a memo stating that prisoners can use their savings to pay court costs. A week later an administrative officer visited Carnes asking him to fill out a disbursement which was already signed by the Warden along with a memo stating that indigent prisoners were also permitted to send certified mail to defendents in a lawsuit free of charge. The hearing regarding the release of funds was never held.

Soon after this, Carne's attorney resigned from the case, but before she did she contacted Mary Lee Barksdale of Tahlequah who agreed to take the case.

The hearing date was set for September 3 for the class action motion. Carnes said that about the same time, "one of the brothers, Joe Gaines, was locked up for ten days in the hole for refusing to cut his hair." After his lockup time was done, Gaines still refused to cut his hair. Carnes said Gaines still refused so they cut Gaines hair by force. At the hearing, the attorney's or the Attorney General did not make any objection or arguments against the certification of class action. Carnes commented, " I believe the Warden and the Attorney General's office knew this before they cut Joe's hair."

At the trial, several expert witness' testified on the religious aspects of wearing long hair and the significant impact that the practice of traditional religious beliefs have had on Native Americans. This testimony was presented by Archie Fire Lame Deer from California. Dr. David Hilligoss testified regarding the social and cultural factors of Indian people in Oklahoma. Carnes reported that the representatives from the Attorney General's office did little to discredit their testimonies.

Carnes said the main objective of the Warden's attorneys were to determine if a person was sincere in his religious beliefs because they had twice provided a religious exemption to the grooming code. Once during the summer of 1986 and again the day before the hearing.

"I do not believe that this would ever be effective since it is the prison officials who will determine if a person is sincere or not- I just cannot ever trust them- they are not known, especially by us, for their truthfulness," Carnes related.

The grooming code exemption required that a prisoner provide them with the name of a person who can verify that they are a sincere adherent to their faiths. Carnes said, "Again, I find that this is not a practical method because there will be some prisoners who enter prison and discover the traditional beliefs they would choose to practice, but where are they going to find someone to vouch for then when they have just decided to do so." The requirement states that it has to be a reputable person, not under Department of Corrections custody and a non-family member.

Carnes said that after the weekend of the trial, Mary Lee Barksdale was found dead in her home. The coronor's report citing she died of a stroke." The sad news really touched most of us because in the months that we knew her, we all got to know her a little more as a friend and sister, than an attorney. It was difficult to believe at the time that she could have passed away so suddenly because she was looking forward to representing us and was in high spirits," Carnes expressed.

With the death of Barksdale, the prisoners were technically without an attorney. Victor Hunt, a Tulsa attorney who had accompanied Barksdale in the case as an observer was engaged to continue representing them.

During the presentation of their case, the prisoners asked to submit a video tape of the forced Joe Gaines haircutting. The attorneys for Maynard objected and the Judge upheld their objection. However, once the prisoners rested their case, the opposing attorneys submitted video tapes of use of force incidents to demonstrate the need for security practices.

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Carnes said the first tape was of two Indian prisoners before the takeover. The scene was of prisoners milling about while two other prisoners were fighting. One of the Indian prisoners was taped talking to some of the officers on the scene telling them that if they wouldn't be placed in detention they would settle down and go to their cells and remain there and that there wouldn't be any more trouble.

Carnes then told of the second tape that was of a black and Indian prisoner, both were homosexuals. This situation was that the black prisoner did not want to transfer to a medium security prison and was disobeying orders to come out of his cell. The guards were preparing to make a cell entry when one of the officers thought he saw one of the prisoners brandishing a weapon. . .

The guards left to obtain riot equipment: batons, helments and a shield. The tape showed the guards entering the cell and sounds of bodies being hit with batons could be heard along with the cries of pain. You could also hear handcuffs being placed upon two people and you could still hear suspicious sounds followed by groans and cries. They were both brought out and the black prisoner had blood running from his head.

Carnes said the third tape was of himself, "In May, 1986, I was accused of disobeying a direct order and given ten days in the hole. I deny that I refused an order since I complied with the officers order after he assured me that he would summon a shift officer to resolve a dispute. The officer claimed we could not leave the yard for any reason, even to use the rest room in our cells."'

Carnes further explained the situation saying once he arrived on the disciplinary unit his property was to be searched and he was strip searched then put in a cell and handcuffed. "While I was watching my property being searched, I observed them removing some papers from my box. When they finally placed my box in the cell with me I asked them what they took. The officer replied,

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"Some typing paper and carbon paper," and shut the door. He opened the beanhole and asked me to place my hands outside the beanhole. I leaned over and asked him to return my papers. He got angry and told me he was ordering me to place my hands outside the beanhole. I then told him I was ordering him to return my typing paper and carbon paper and he slammed the beanhole shut. I heard him ask the other officer if he witnessed the incident, the other officer said that he did and they all left. . .

From experience I knew that I had just received a misconduct or offense report for disobedience to a direct order. Eventhough I never really had the opportunity to decide if I was going to refuse or not, the thought never entered my mind. . .

This was Friday, I wore the handcuffs until Monday when a Captain saw that I had managed to take one off (finally). He told me to place my hands out of the beanhole since I was going to wear them right. He told me he would get some help if I still refused to let him remove the cuffs. I explained my reasons about the confiscation of my legal property and that I demanded to have my legal materials returned to me. . .I told him to go get some help. He left and I got dressed and sat on the desk. . .

I had no intention of fighting with five or six guards armed with batons that could leave you permanently crippled for life, but I wanted to cause them as much inconvenience as I could because I could not do any legal work without typing paper and carbon paper. So I merely sat there. When the shield was a few inches away from my face I closed my eyes. The next thing I felt was the shield hitting my forehead with enough force to hit the back of my head against the wall. . .

I saw a few stars, but it spurred me into action. I kicked at the shield and knocked it back- at the same time two other guards dropped their batons and threw me onto the bunk. Everything seemed to last a long time- I tried to get up but they kept grabbing me by the hair and feet. They had to put on another pair of cuffs because the other ones were jammed shut. . .

I was put upon my feet and half carried and dragged to a beanhole where my hands were placed through. In the handcuffs that were loose, a baton was placed inside it and they pulled until my hands and shoulders were against the wall. The guards left the cell and after the door was shut they took off the cuffs around my wrists and took off the other set of cuffs before I could bring my hands back in. They were stiff, sore and swelling so I asked to see someone from medical to examine my wrists. They called a paramedic and he said that I had a slight sprain and that the muscles were bruised."

"After the Warden put on his evidence, it was our turn for rebuttal testimony and I explained the facts behind the video tape on myself," Carnes said.

Victor Hunt, who was accompanied by another Tulsa attorney, Jerry Swanson, asked the court again to submit the tape of Joe Gaines. The Judge said that since he had permitted the defendents to submit their tapes and that after viewing them, he failed to see what importance they had in the case, so in order to be fair in the case he would allow the prisoners to play the tape as their evidence.

"I didn't want to see the tape because I knew I wouldn't like what I saw, but I could still hear the tape and the voices. . .

I could hear the cuffs being placed on him and I could hear Joe asking the guards if the Warden knew what they were doing and then I heard the clippers and I knew they were cutting his hair. . .

I don't know where he had the strengths to remain as calm as he did, I knew that I could not have done this. I would have fought back until I was physically unable to defend myself against their attack. . .

There was no valid reason for what they did because it was only a few days later we were certified as a class action. And Joe Gaines has been the only prisoner who has had their hair forcefully cut. There are several prisoners who have longer hair than policy allows, but they have cut their hair before receiving a job."

The court, in its ruling said that it

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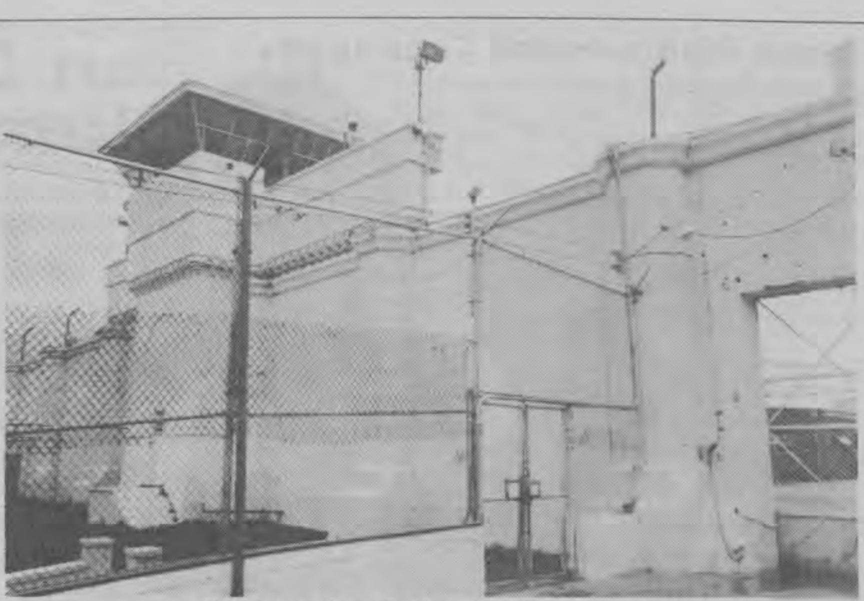
Oklahoma State Penitentiary Death Row Cell—



Oklahoma State Penitentiary Guard Tower

The Price of Decency and Self Respect

(the forgotten issues of a rebellion)

By Ben Carnes, Reprinted from Joseph Harp Correctional Newsletter, "Concepts"

"Resistance to oppression is the key to freedom." It isn't important if that freedom is of religion, speech, or freedom from intolerable prison conditions. It is important to understand that no man has the authority to take away what is rightfully yours.

Resistance comes in a variety of forms, such as: administrative recourse, legal action, insurrection or rebellion, etc. Each form has its place, but they are never guaranteed to be successful. In some instances they will exact an enormous price.

An example known by many is the takeover of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, which is nearing its second anniversary. The prisoners there have paid a heavy price, and will continue to do so as long as the lockdown remains in effect.

Their attempt to obtain a sense of decency and tolerable prison conditions on that cold December evening was not condoned by many of Oklahoma's citizens, but they were not aware that this act of rebellion arose from years of frustration in dealing with an unresponsive prison administration and unsuccessful litigation in the state and federal courts.

Had the OSP prison officials addressed the numerous complaints of inadequate clothing, lack of recreational activities and space, deteriorating food services, lack of jobs for prisoners desiring to work and overcrowding, the rebellion would have never taken place.

The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation pointed out in a confidential report which was partially released by the Pittsburg County Prosecutor, that prison officials at OSP had received warnings of a potential disturbance on the A and C cellblocks. These warnings were delivered months in advance. One key prison administrator responded by stating, "A person can get desensitized to these kinds of rumors, especially when they come so frequently." **The OSP powder key was permitted to explode.**

In a legislative hearing to investigate the causes of the prison takeover the question of why prison officials did not take corrective action was not fully explored. Instead, certain legislators developed a smokescreen that clouded the true issue of the December 17-18 rebellion.

Prisoners wearing long hair and headbands became the targets of their venomous attacks. There were no questions asked of how many times the food was served uncooked, spoiled, or delivered in insufficient quantities during the months preceding the rebellion. No questions of the number of jobs available, number of unemployed prisoners or intentions of prison officials to create meaningful jobs. Nor were the inadequacies in health services, clothing supply, recreational programs and the grievance process ever examined in this impromptu hearing.

Once the vindictive tone was set by these legislators, prison administrators reacted immediately with a public announcement that the Oklahoma State Penitentiary would be in a state of permanent lock-down, where a large majority of the prisoners there would remain in a 23-hour-a-day deadlock.

Classification became an arbitrary tool wielded by vengeful prison staff. Jobs were assigned based upon whims of classifications officers and unit management staff, disregarding written procedure.

Prisoners on D-Block (Administrative Segregation I) are comprised of people who were determined to be a threat to security, staff and prisoners. Such determination is made by classification officers and unit management staff. Some of the prisoners did nothing more than speak for the prisoners, after being assured by prison officials that there would be no reprisals. Even though it has been nearly two years, they remain in this form of solitary confinement without any written procedure of how or when they can expect to be released from D-Block.

The conditions that led to the rebellion worsened under this lockdown, and a number of prisoners have had additional sentences, ranging from 5 to 99 years placed upon them. This is a heavy price to pay for decency and self respect.

But what other viable alternative is there when the courts refuse to listen, and the public doesn't understand and prison administrators are either unresponsive or indifferent? Does this situation call for human reaction to oppression? Or an obedient dog-like submission to abuse?

There will be arguments to both sides of the issue, but the alternative decided upon by that person is governed by what response he has received to a less extreme recourse. The fact that he **does** resist indicates that he is still human and retains a sense of self respect and decency.

Human Rights Award Continued . . .

BEN CARNES MOTHER, LOIS CARNES, AND CHOCTAW ACTRESS NUCHI NASHOBA accepted the Human Rights Award in the Blue Room of the State Capitol in behalf of Carnes who was not allowed to attend the presentation due to his incarceration status. –Photo by Helen Chalakee

didn't see what effect the grooming code would have on security, but since the defendants have made such an attempt to accomodate the Native American prisoner's religious beliefs, he must deny the application. The prisoners have appealed that decision. Carnes said, "As long as the exemption procedure is allowed to exist in the form it does, certain people will not be granted an exemption."

Carnes served two years and four months at McAlester, before being transfered to Lexington. While at McAlester he was accused of attempting to escape which he says, "the disciplinary committee (a kangaroo court) found him guilty of." He was charged in district court with a felony attempt to escape but after a jury trial was acquitted. He challenged the institutional conviction in a civil action. The District Court filed and dismissed his lawsuit in the same day. He appealed to the State Supreme Court who ordered a rehearing.

Carnes said he was again "found guilty by the Kangaroo Court", but it was over a year before he filed a federal lawsuit. It was dismissed, but he is in the process of appealing it to the Tenth Circuit. "If I ever win this case, I will be immediately eligible to transfer to a work-release center and have over 400 days earned credit restored to me," Carnes explained.

His current release date is July 2, 1992. He is due a parole hearing this year and is now involved in working out a parole plan. " I have to show the parole board that I have other job offering if one does not turn out. I'm also going to ask for a 90 day work-release stipulation so that I will have enough money saved to pay my first months rent, put food in the ice box and make a down payment on some type of transportation," he said.

Carnes also has a college option in mind and says that after he finds out how much time he will have to do on parole, he may take that option.

Carnes has plans to organize an "Inter-tribal Prisoner's Support Council" which has been his goal for almost six years.

He plans to set up in the country so a sweat lodge can be established and they could grow their own food. He has outlined a program for the organization that includes: ***(1) Sponsorship Assistance*** *(a) Locate and provide outside sponsors (b) Locate and provide Spiritual Leaders (c) Offer workshops, lectures, etc. on contemporary issues such as sovereignty and treaty litigation, traditional practices, guest speakers and film and video presentations.* ***(2) Advocacy for Traditional Practices*** *(a) Mediation between prison officials or legislators for Native prisoners (b) Demonstration or petition drives (c) Litigation* ***(3) Family Assistance*** *(a) Coordinating rides for families without transportation (b) Awareness presentation on prison environment (c) Locating housing, employment and other services for families with an imprisoned husband or wife* ***(4) Pre-release Assistance*** *(a) Parole planning (b) Locating job offers and housing (c) College enrollment* ***(5) Misc. I.P.S.C. Activities*** *(a) Establishing a sweat lodge at IPSC (b) Establishing an AA with traditional methods (c) Publishing a newsletter or paper (e) Educate our tribe and the people of Oklahoma on imprisonment and the need for traditional practices in prison (e) Fundraising (f) Establishing a permanent headquarters for IPSC (g) Raise and grow our own food.*

Carnes said he knows what he is up against with setting up such an organization. There will be no money available so he hopes he can persuade all Indian people of Oklahoma to take more than a passing interest and support it wholeheartedly. He sees the organization as a way to provide opportunities for the parolees and give them new meaning an direction for their lives.

He says he always wanted to learn of traditional ways, but there was no one to show him. He was told to forget about the old ways and get an education.

"I believe that if an Indian prisoner has the chance to learn the teachings of the pipe and the sweat lodge with sincerity- that is a step on the Red Road, but you can't leave him there because he is an infant learning to walk and if no one is there upon his release he will fall back into the ways that got him there," Carnes said. "If there was a place he could go pray with the pipe and use the sweat, he will eventually make it his own," he added.

Carnes said, "We are constantly discouraged from our traditional practices. Even here, the Warden says that the reality is you are not going to be successful if you have long hair in todays society. I want to show our people that they no longer have to be dictated by such notions. . .and that is one of our first obstacles."

For most of us, the isolation of inprisonment would stretch the limits of our imagination. This article has brought a better understanding of the plight of Indian inmates and I hope a more sensitive and compassionate urge to assist, not only the inmates and parolees, but also their families in the reconstruction of lives. At Creek Nation there are concerned groups and individuals who go into the prisons to visit, counsel and minister. We have many tribal members who have relatives incarcerated. The Communication Department frequently receives letters from some of the tribal inmates wanting to receive the Muscogee Nation News because it is sometime the only link they have with the tribe. We get other letters from them thanking us for helping them stay connected with the Indian world through the paper. Perhaps some deserve to be there. Perhaps some don't. One thing for sure, we as Indian people know, there is an animal named social injustice- and it strikes furious in the Red world. Whether directly or guilt by association of being Indian, it has claimed more than its share of native people. Ben Carnes is doing his part to ease the friction and misunderstanding- that's why he received the Human Rights Award. I'm sure the recognition was well received by Carnes, but I also think he would be the first to tell you that the award was not the underlying motive for his persistence and determination.

OIO Receives Human Rights Award-

OKLAHOMAN'S FOR INDIAN OPPORTUNITY (OIO) BOARD MEMBER, JUANITA LEARNED, *accepted the 1987 Oklahoma Human Rights Commission Award for the Norman based organization. The Oklahoma Human Rights Commission is a state agency consisting or a nine-member board which establishes policy, sets goals and approves programs and projects related to eliminating discrimination and improving intergroup relations. On December 10, 1948, the United Nations adopted the Universial Declaration of Human Rights. Since then, International Human Rights Day has been an occassion for people to demonstrate a renewed commitment to fundamental freedoms and human rights for all. Accordingly, Governor Bellmon has proclaimed the week of December 5-11 as Human Rights Week in Oklahoma. Among other recipients of the award was Mary Barksdale, now deceased attorney who represented Ben Carnes in the OSP lawsuit. Barksdale is well remembered for her efforts.*

Joan Freeman, Director of the American Indian Free Clinic, (right), *accepts one of several awards during the White Buffalo Award Banquet. Presenting the award is (l to r) Mary Gray, Deputy County Supervisor and Curt Livesay, Chairman of the Board of Directors.*

Annual White Buffalo Award Banquet Held by American Indian Free Clinic

By Anita Freeman

On December 3, the American Indian Free Clinic in Compton, California held it annual White Buffalo Award Banquet. The Clinic honored those individuals who have been instrumental in promoting the American Indian Clinic.

Receiving the White Buffalo award this year was actor, Iron Eyes Cody, who is nationally known for his commericals on Keep America Beautiful. A pervious recipient of this award was Creek actor/artist Will "Sonny" Sampson. Attending the Banquet was his mother Mrs. Mabel Hill and other family members.

During the Award Dinner, Executive Director, Mrs. Joan Freeman received on behalf of the Clinic several awards for outstanding work in promoting health services to the Indian community given by State Senator Art Torres, Congressman Meryn Dymally, Assembleman Richard Polanco and Deane Dana.

Mr. Curt Livesay, Chairperson of the Board of Directors, made acknowledgements, commending the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and Chief Cox for setting a precedent in Tribal Sovereignty concerning Gaming Laws, and wished Chief Cox continued success.

The evening banquet was highlighted by actor Max Gail offering a musical tribute to his friend Will Sampson. The awards dinner was also a benefit to raise funds for a new clinic facility, which the Board would like to name the Will Sampson Memorial Clinic.

The American Indian Free Clinic is located at 1330 S. Long Beach Blvd. in Compton, California and serves approximately 50,000 people in the Los Angeles and Orange County areas. The Clinic meets the medical, dental and social needs of the Indian people.

The administrative staff is headed by Executive Director, Joan Freeman, Seminole, originally from Wewoka, Oklahoma.

The Clinic was established in 1970 and originally had it's beginning in 1969 operating out of a church building in Compton. Since that time services have expanded and at one point two clinics were made available to handle the patient load.

The clinic staffs three dentists, and three physicians. Dr. Emmett Chase, who is the President of the Native American Indian Physicians, based in Norman, Oklahoma along with Dr. Don Plance, formerly from northeast Oklahoma, are two of the three resident physicians.

The clinic programs are designed to deal with the major areas of Indian Health Care, such as Hypertension, Diabetes, Obesity, well baby care, family planning and Alcoholism.

Currently the Clinic has 18 participants in their Alcohol program, residing at the Clinic. The program includes counseling twice daily, and rehabilitation counseling once a week. Three meals a day are prepared at the facility. The Alcohol program implements the 12 steps format of Alcoholics Anonymous.

The American Indian Free Clinic is a non-profit organziation, receiving 80% of their funding from the federal and state governments, the other 20% comes from donations and fund raising efforts.

For more information about the American Indian Free Clinic services call 213-537-0103.

Planetarium Art Contest

"Visions of the Universe" art contest is now open for all state elementary and high school students, with the deadline for entry February 1. The contest is sponsored by the Kirkpatrick Planetarium in Oklahoma City and is the state's largest art contest. The main theme of the contest is astronomy, space science, space travel, colonization, extraterrestial beings, deep space objects, science fiction and fantasy. No photos will be accepted. For more information, contact the Planetarium at 2100 NE 52, Oklahoma City, OK 73111, or call 424-5545.

Bicentennial Leadership Award Received By Kirke Kickingbird of Indian Law Institute

Kirke Kickingbird, Executive Director of the Institute for the Development of Indian Law, received an "Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Commemoration of the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution and the "Bill of Rights" on December 3 in Washington, D.C.

The award was presented by Senator Jennings Randolph, Chairman, Council for the Advancement of Citizenship; former Congressman John H. Buchanan, Jr., President, Council for the Advancement of Citizenship; and Jane Couch, Vice President, National Public Radio.

The Bicentennial Leadership Awards program, jointly sponsored by the Council for the Advancement of Citizenship in Washington, D.C. and the Center for Civic Education in Los Angeles, is officially recognized by the National Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitutuion.

An attorney and member of the Kiowa Indian Nation in Oklahoma, Mr. Kickingbird researched and developed a general education kit entitled: Indians and the U.S. Constitution: A Forgotten Legacy, consisting of a 40-page booklet, brochure and 15-minute video. The kit highlights Indian foundations of democracy which shaped the United States Constitution. Published in August, the materials are available through the Institute for the Development of Indian Law in Vienna, Virginia.

The book and materials draw from the democratic traditions of the Iroquois Confederacy, the Cherokee, Choctaw and other tribes living east of the Mississippi from 1300-1800.

According to Kickingbird, the only American Indian of 70 individuals and organizations receiving awards, "The research is compelling; Indians did affect the formulation of that great document. Both Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson were students of Indian politics and used Indian formats as models for self-government and personal liberty.

"When Jefferson was a boy, Indian chiefs were houseguests of his father and George Washington attended his first Pow Wow in Virginia when he was 16. The contact between the colonials and the Indians was not just warfare as the average high school history text would have us believe."

Kickingbird notes that the History of North and South America published in England in 1776 complained: The darling passion of the American is liberty. . .nor is it the original natives only to whom this passion is confined; our colonists sent thither seem to have imbibed the same principles.

"Most historians have shown poor scholarship," claims Kickingbird, "because they have failed to consult the papers of Constitutional drafters James Wilson of Pennsylvania and John Rutledge of South Carolina, which clearly point to the drafters' recognition of an Indian constitution."

The Institute for the Development of Indian Law, which is the publisher and distributor of over 75 titles and 20 videos on topics related to American Indian government, history and law, is currently seeking funds to develop elementary and secondary curricula on the same subject.

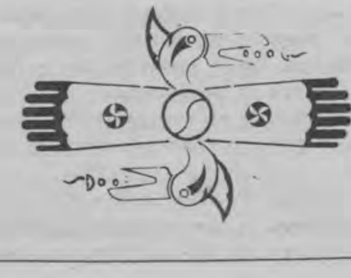
According to Kickingbird, "We would like to link up with local bicentennial celebrations. The celebration lasts through 1991. It is a prime opportunity to educate the American public. We need to take the American Indians out of the museums of Natural History and place them smack in the middle of American political and social history where they belong."

Volumes 10 and 12 of the Institute's quarterly American Indian Journal will be featuring articles on the constitution throughout 1988 and in 1990.

For more information on the Institute's bicentennial and other publications, write to the Institute for the Development of Indian Law, 1104 Glyndon Street, SE, Vienna, Virginia 22180 (703/938-7822).

Pinewood Derby Champ-

Cody Lujan, 8 year-old, second grade student at Eastside Elementary, Okmulgee, recently won 2nd place, Grand Champion in the Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby. Cody went into the championship heat with only one loss with his bright red, 4.82 oz. racer. He's keeping the aerodynamics of his design a secret- but thinks the winning edge was how he put the wheels on. Cody is the son of Helen Chalakee and Bunky Chalakee, both of Okmulgee, and the grandson of the late Mutt Hogan, Hitchita.



Okmulgee Senior Citizens Christmas Party Includes Presentation on Alzheimer's

The Okmulgee Senior Citizens held their Christmas party at the Senior Citizens dining hall, December 29, 1987. Exchanging gifts, eats and door prizes won by Ema Grayson and Cora Deerisaw were enjoyed by all.

President Juanita Checotah reported they will be selling chances on a ceramic pitcher and bowl. Other business included sending cards to those who are hospitalized and in the rest homes.

Those attending the meeting were, Juanita Checotah, Virginia Bruner, R.J. Deerisaw, Raymond Yargee, Ema Grayson, Julia Winningham, Roman Checotah, Mahala Chalakee, Elizabeth Harjo, Cora Deerisaw, Steve Landsbury, Bunny Hill, Chiquitta McNac, Mary and Willie Gooden and Floyd Bales.

Bunny Hill presented a slide presentation on Alzheimer's disease.

The symptoms may vary for each individual, but Alzheimer's disease (AD) most often affects people in their mid-60's and over--though there have been confirmed cases in people much younger. It gets worse over time--called a progressive or degenerative disease. Symptoms increase in intensity from slight memory loss and mental confusion to severe mental impairment and physical limitations.

AD is common although memory loss may be caused by other problems. AD is the most common cause of severe mental impairment in people over 65. For many years,people believed that the loss of memory--"senility"--was part of getting old. Scientists today agree that Alzheimer's disease--not old age--is the major cause of progressive memory loss.

Ad affects the entire family. Family members feel a great emotional strain from a loved one's changed personality and sometimes unpredictable actions. The need for increased care can strain family finances, too.

What causes Alzheimer's disease? Changes in the nerve endings and brain cells interfere with normal brain functions. Theories about why these changes occur include: Genetic influence, because the chances of getting AD increase somewhat if a close relative had the disease, some scientists believe that a tendency to develop the disease is inherited.

Slow virus--There are some indications that AD may be caused by a viral infection that takes years to develop fully, although people can't "catch it" like other viruses.

Abnormal Proteins--High concentrations of certain proteins in the brain may be a cause, or a result of AD.

Biochemical imbalance--Studies indicate there is a shortage of a vital chemical in the brains of those affected by AD but the reason isn't clear.

Trace metals--Abnormal amounts of aluminum have been found in the brains of some Alzheimer's victims, but scientists aren't sure if this is a cause of the disease or one of its effects.

Decreased blood and oxygen supply--There is less blood supplied to the brains of AD victims and less ability to use the oxygen in the blood.

The symptoms may differ for each individual and vary from day to day. Some of the early symptoms may be so slight that they go unnoticed: Forgetfulness, Shortened attention span, trouble with simple math, difficulty in expressing thoughts, changing or unpredictable moods, less desire to try new things or meet new people.

As AD progresses, the earlier symptoms become more intense: Severe loss of memory-including how to dress, how to eat, names of family members, etc. Mood and personality changes--including outbursts of anger, dissatisfaction or suspiciousness. Total loss of judgement and concentration. Inability to complete routine household tasks or take care of personal hygiene.

Thorough testing is necessary to rule out other possible causes of symptoms that resemble Alzheimer's disease. A physician will test other possibilities through, a physical exam, neurological testing and psychiatric testing.

Proper treatment can relieve some symptoms. Currently there is no cure or prevention for Alzheimer's disease. But treatment can help some patients feel more comfortable and may slow down the progress of the disease. Drugs, exercise, diet and a positive attitude by both the patient and family is an important part of every treatment plan. A supportive atmosphere at home and the help of caring people can ease the course of AD.

A positive attitude begins with understanding. Understanding what the person feels is the first step in giving the best possible care. A person with AD often feels a mixture of emotions such as confusion, frustration, anger, fear, uncertainty, and grief/depression. You can help the person by taking positive action. Give support and understanding. Arrange for professional help.

There are many ways a family can help a person with Alzheimer's disease. A supportive family can make all the difference in the person's safety, comfort and continued involvement in the world.

To give the best care, families need help too. Caring for a patient with Alzheimer's disease can be an exhausting, confusing and frustrating job. But, there are things you can do to make that job easier. Understand your emotions, guilt, fear, embarrassment, anger and resentment. Keep a positive attitude, get help when you need it, stay healthy, learn as much as possible, join a support group.

Where to get more information, general information and recent research. The U.S. Department of Health and Human services coordinates information and research on Alzheimer's disease. Send a post card asking for information to: National Institute on Aging/AD, building 31 Room 5C35, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD 20205

Any other communities interested in health presentations contact: CN Community Health Office, Bunny Hill.

CN Hospital Medical Form Helps Children

"Because You Can't Always Be There", is a program designed to assist in obtaining medical care for children when their parents are unavailable has been recently launched by Creek Nation Community Hospital.

This program provides an authorization for medical care to a minor to be completed by the parent and left with neighbors, coaches, babysitters and other relatives. The consent form allows medical personnel to treat minors with non-life threatening medical problems in the absence of parents who leave their children in the care of another adult.

Dr. Carol Hanson, emergency room physician at Creek Nation Hospital stated, "Hospital physicians, personnel and dentists always treat immediately in a life-threatening situation. However, when the medical need is not life-threatening-such as a broken bone at a basketball game or a cut head at the playground, a babysitter or a coach has need to know the parent's preference of physicians, also medical personnel need permission to treat." Dr. Hanson added, "Medical personnel can be aided by knowing children's medical history, medicines, conditions, etc."

"Because You Can't Always Be There" is being presented as a public service by Creek Nation Community Hospital and forms may be obtained at the hospital. Copies of the form are also available free of charge to individuals, church groups, day care centers, camps and schools. The form is acceptable by any physician or hospital. The consent form conforms to state laws for authorization of medical treatment. A separate form is needed for each child. The "Because You Can't Always Be There" program has been very successful throughout the country.

Photogenic Creek Tot Places First in Baby America Contest

December 5, Baby Miss of America and Little Miss of America Pageant was held in Eufaula at the Community Center. Eli Mekko Postoak, age 5 1/2 months, was crowned Photogenic winners and First Place Runner Up trophy in the baby contest. Eli won in baby age group 0-7 months. He will advance to the State finals to be held in the Spring in Oklahoma City. Paul and Rickie Postoak of Wewoka are the parents of Eli Mekko Postoak.

Tulsa State Fair 4-H Winners Include Creek

Janita Eddrea Screechowl, daughter of Ed and Janice Screechowl, Sapulpa, placed first in the 4-H postmark category at the 1987 Tulsa State Fair. Her postmark collection also received a blue ribbon at the 1987 Creek County Fair.

Janita, a member of the Lone Star Senior 4-H Club, also received the 1987 Shawnee Milling Company Award for bread demonstrations. Her award, a silver platter, was presented at the 1987 Creek County 4-H Achievement Banquet. Her sugar cookie entry placed second at the 1987 Creek County Food Fair and her dessert recipe was awarded the grand prize in the 1987 Sapulpa Daily Herald Recipe Contest. She also placed first in an essay contest sponsored by the Sapulpa Daily Herald.

Janita, a member of Future Farmers of America, was awarded an all-expense paid trip to the 1987 National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri for her outstanding sausage sales.

Janita, a sophomore at Sapulpa High School, is also a member of American Field Service Club and the high school marching band. She is a member of Rainbow Girls and attends South Heights Southern Baptist Church where she is a member of the Youth choir.

Janita is the granddaughter of Josephine Factor, Depew and Angie Screechowl, Bryant.

Berryhills Announce Birth of Granddaughter

Mark Berryhill and Verdie Nelson wish to announce the arrival of their baby girl Kenda Ann born January 11, 1988 at the Lawrence Memorial Hospital in Lawrence Ks.

Kendra weighed 6 lbs and 1 oz and was 19 1/2 inches long. She is the granddaughter of Thomas Paul and Jean Berryhill of Okmulgee and the paternal great-granddaughter of Tom Berryhill Sr. and also great-granddaughter of Elizabeth Porter.

National Public Radio Provides National Native News—

Gary Fife

National Native News premiered on Alaska Public Radio Network last January and is the nation's first daily radio news service concentrating on Native American news. The service's five-minute daily broadcasts focus on hard news, and are designed to explain the complexities of Native American issues to the general public as well as to Native peoples. Managing editor and anchorperson of National Native News is Native American journalist Gary Fife.

"National Native News offers listeners an important glimpse into Native American life, " says Frank Tavares, director of NPR's Department of Specialized Audience Programming, which is coordinating NPR distribution of the service.

"It is a valuable communications link for Native Americans in all parts of the country, and also provides the public with concise, informative news on Native American issues not covered by most media organizations."

Managing editor Gary Fife works with a network of correspondents and Native American organizations around the country to produce the news service. Fife, a Cherokee/Creek from Tulsa, Oklahoma, is a career veteran of American Indian journalism in the fields of print, video, television, and radio. Before joining Alaska Public Radio Network in 1986, Fife worked as a print and broadcast journalist in Minneapolis and Washington, D.C.

In 1987 Fife was awarded an NPR Residency in News and Information; in 1984 he was selected as an Outstanding Young Man of America; and in 1978 he was the first Native American selected as a Ford Fellow in Educational Journalism. Executive producer for National Native News is Corey Flintoff. Technical director is Michelle Abrams, an Aleut.

This January, National Public Radio will offer its member stations a daily news service covering contemporary Native American issues and events. The award-winning National Native News, produced by Alaska Public Radio Network in Anchorage, will be available to NPR's more than 300 member stations beginning January 11.

Bacone Spring Enrollment Easier-

Officials at Bacone College think that students will find enrolling for the spring semester a convenient process.

Enrollment for the spring semester at Bacone College will be held Jan. 14 and 15, from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Enrollment will also be open evenings from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Most of the steps of the enrollment process will be centralized in the college library, which is located in Samuel Richard Hall. Faculty members from each academic division and staff members from the financial aid, admissions, and business offices will be on hand to assist students, according to Sam Thorpe, director of enrollment and management.

Enrollment lines should be short and move quickly due to the number of students who pre-enrolled for classes last semester.

Students will have identification cards made, and register automobiles when they go to the college bookstore to purchase textbooks and supplies. The bookstore is located in the basement of Benjamin Wacoche Hall.

Day and evening classes begin Jan. 18. Late enrollment for day and evening classes ends on Jan. 22.

Those who wish to take Weekend College classes will be able to enroll up to the second class of meeting of each class.

The starting dates for Weekend College cycles are: Cycle A-Jan 22 and 23; Cycle B-Jan 29 and 30; Cycle C-Jan 22 and 23; and Cycle D-March 18-19.

The American College Test and freshman placement tests will be administered on Jan.14 and 15 in Barnett Hall. The ACT test will be given at 8:30 a.m., and placement tests in spelling reading and math will start at 8:30 a.m.

For more information about day and evening classes call (918) 683-4581. For information about Weekend College classes call (918)682-1054.

Jones Academy Pow-Wow to be Held March 26

The Fifth Annual Choctaw Nation Jones Academy Indian Club Pow-Wow will be held March 26 at the Jones Academy Gym in Hartshorne. The head staff includes; MC - Joe Cully, Head Singers-Redland Singers, Head War Dancer - Michael Roberts, Head Lady Dancer-Cassandra Bointy, Arena Director-Bill Takes Horse. For more information, contact Norma Grove, (918) 297-2364.

Nominations Sought for Indian Gifted and Talented Program—

The American Indian Research & Development, Inc., of Norman, Oklahoma is sponsoring its third summer program for Gifted and Talented American Indian Students, "Explorations in Creativity III" (EIC III). EIC has provided differentiated educational services for over 225 Gifted and Talented American Indian and Alaska Native Students. EIC students have had the opportunity to participate in programs of excellence which challenge them to develop their leadership skills, enhance their critical thinking skills and to explore their creativity. This year's two week residential program will be held June 12 - 25, 1988 on the campus of Riverside Indian School in Anadarko, Oklahoma.

Explorations in Creativity (EIC) was selected this year as an exemplary project by the U.S. Education Department, Indian Education Programs Office ans was showcased at the 19th Annual National Indian Education Association Conference in Bismark,ND in October 1987.

EIC III is designed to accomodate 125 Indian gifted and talented students from across the nation who will be in grades 8 - 11 in the fall of 1988. It will utilize a holistic educational approach which will include courses in twelve (12) major areas; Mathematics, Ethno-Science, Computer Education, Contemporary Indian Affairs/Tribal Government, Creative Writing, Indian Theatre, Indian Art, Video Production, Instrumental Music, Athletics, Indian History, and American Indian Arts & Humanities. Students will select a major and attend it 4 hours a day, with two hours a day in a minor followed by two elective courses. Students will participate in field trips and demonstrations and will interact with Indian role models on a formal and informal basis. Leadership Training, Tribal-Cultural Activities, Counseling, Recreation, Critical Thinking and Problem-Solving activities are integral parts of EIC.

AIRD, Inc. is a non-profit, Indian-owned corporation established in 1982 which, over the past five years, has: 1) developed an American Indian Gifted and Talented Assessment Model 2) conducted two summer programs, and 3) conducted one year of weekend Gifted and Talented programs. AIRD, Inc. is currently establishing a national American Indian Gifted and Talented Resource Center and providing in-service training on Gifted and Talented education for Indian students.

AIRD, Inc. is calling for American Indian and Alaska Native student nominations for EIC III. To be elgible, students should exhibit high ability or potential in one or more of the followig: academics, creativity, leadership, tribal cultural understanding, or visual, performing or literary arts. Nominations will be accepted until February 12, 1988. Anyone knowing of outstanding students' knowing of outstanding American Indian and Alaska Native students should send the students' name and addresses to AIRD, Inc. as soon as possible. Anyone seeking additional information should contact AIRD, Inc. by calling (405) 364-0656 or writing AIRD, Inc. at 1634 Halley Drive, Bldg. #801, Norman, Ok. 73069.

Phi Theta Kappa Initiates New Members at Bacone

Seven new members were recently initiated into the Lambda Delta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Bacone College.

Students selected for the national junior college honor fraternity must have completed one or more college semesters, and be enrolled as a full-time student. Freshmen candidates must have a 3.5 grade point average,and sophomore candidates must maintain a 3.3 grade point average.

Students inducted were Betty Dukes, Fort Gibson, freshman; Phillip Hudson, Fort Gibson, freshman; Julia Medlin, Muskogee, sophomore; Julia Hyer, Checotah, freshman; Cathy Noe, Okay, sophomore; Jolie Person, Muskogee, freshman; and Cecelia Swepston, Fort Gibson, sophomore.

Former CN Princess Holds Conners Post

Melinda Taryole, Creek, of Henryetta has been elected to serve as Secretary and Treasurer of the Student Senate at Connors Junior College, Warner, Okla.

Melinda is also President and founder of the American Indian Student Association, this being the first year for such an organization.

Her idea came when she saw other Indian clubs getting involved and wanted the Indian students at Connors to do the same. After approaching the dean with the idea, he was supportive and encouraged her to find a sponsor. Their sponsor is Gretchen Morgan, Director of the Upward Bound Program.

They have had their membership drive and now the members total around twenty with more prospects coming. They are looking in the future to hold their first Pow Wow, promote the Indian students through education, educate the students about Indian issues and are encouraged about the participation and support.

Melinda was the 1986-87 Creek Nation Princess and is the daughter of Sonny and Betsy Taryole of Henryetta.

Creek Students Included in Bacone's Dean's Honor List

Nine students have been named to the Dean's Honor List for course work completed during the Fall 1987 semester at Bacone College.

The Dean's Honor List recognizes students who have earned a grade point average of 3.50 or above in 12 or more credit hours with no grade lower than a "B".

Students named to the Dean's List are: Denise Billy, Okay,sophomore, Wade Brown, Muskogee, freshman, Stacy Easterling, Huntsville, Ark., freshman, Jonathan Forbes, Spokane, Wash., freshman, William Gunn, Cuba, Mo., freshman, Joe Jackson, Okmulgee, sophomore, Jacinda Lane, Sapulpa, freshman, Juanita McCarter, Park Hill, freshman, Patricia Wiedel, Fort Gibson, freshman.

Other Honor Students. . .

Judy Knifechief, Creek freshman social science major from Pawnee, has been named to the dean's honor roll for the fall semester at Northern Oklahoma College.

The Eagle- Powerful Symbol to Creek People

By Kathryn Bell

According to George Coser, Creek from Okmulgee, his late grandmother, Abby Coser,(who lived to be 106), confirms the last MNN account of "Who Shot the Council House Eagle" - "my grandmother always told us that it was Wesley Barnett, a Creek man who was a member of a rowdy gang west of Okmulgee, who really shot the hole in the Council House eagle. Coser, with IHCRC in Tulsa and the son of the late George Coser, Sr. and Stella Coser is a wealth of information about Creek culture and history. He also related the significance of the eagle - particularly the golden eagle, to the Creeks: "The eagle is a highly respected symbol to the Creeks - even so respected that at one time, I've been taught, to speak disrespectfully of the eagle was to run the risk of having the eagle to come and carry off your small animals or even your children - these are some of the teachings I grew up with." Coser said this magnificent bird of prey was called *"fusherv"* in old Creek which translated to "pretty bird," but more recently has been referred to as *"lumhe"* or "eagle." According to Coser and early accounts, the eagle feathers were used in the ceremonials of the Creeks, with careful preparations being made before the eagle feathers could be used or even handled - their mystical power was so great. "Before the eagle feathers could be used, they had to be doctored by the medicine man and usually this process involved fasting and purification by the members of the ceremonial grounds. Children were never to handle the feathers and to do so, I've heard, would cause them to get cricks in their necks."

Eagle feathers were used to adorn hats and roaches of the men in the ceremonial dances. "Also, at one time, the name of the eagle was given in bestowing war titles to the men, such as "Red Eagle," he commented.

In one version of the Creek creation myths, it is the eagle who flys over the newly-created land, flapping his long wings, and thus forming the hills and valleys.

The feathers of the white egret, according to Coser, are also used in Creek ceremonials and represent peace to the early Creeks. "The men place the egret feather in their hat during the summer ceremonials dances, such as the Feather Dance, to signify they are participating throughout the dances," he said. Their name in Creek is *"fushutka"* or "white bird."

From other sources, such as this excerpt from Angie Debo's out-of-print book "Tulsa: From Creek Town to Oil Capital," the signifance of the eagle to early Creeks is depicted in this 1856 account of a Creek ceremony the author called "christening the eagle" - *"it is well-known that the eagle is was held in great esteem among the Creeks. It was regarded as the "king of birds" and the hunter who killed one received as much honor as though he had taken an enemy scalp. It seems to have been a war emblem, but its feathers were sometimes painted white and used as a symbol of peace. It carried such powerful "medicine" that indiscreet handling of a feather was believed to cause a "crick in the neck" which could only be cured by the fumes of cedar. On this particular occasion, on of the Lochapokas (tribal town) had killed an eagle, and the townsmen had joined in ceremonies to neutralize its power so they might use it. First they made a fire and smoked it with cedar branches. Then they anointed their bodies with "medicine" and fasted and danced all night, and plunged into the river for ceremonial purification. With this protection, they were now able to handle the eagle, they pulled out its tail feathers and decorated their hair and joined in general feasting.*

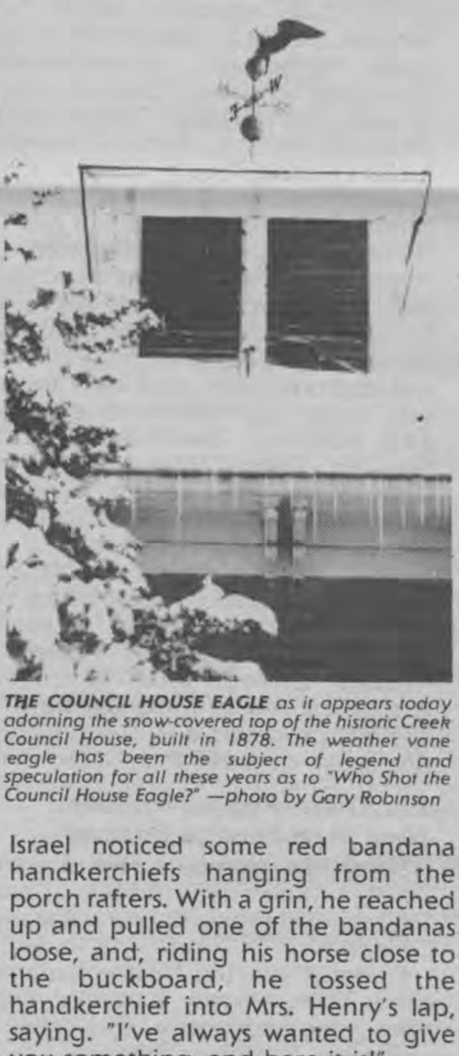
Who Shot the Council House Eagle?

Part 2: The Eagle Story

Reprint from Okmulgee History Collection

In another eye witness account, Mrs. W.J. Robertson and Mrs. John A.W. Anderson insist that it was their uncle, Santford (Sant) Hightower who shot the bullet through the wing of the Council House eagle. Sant was a cowboy on the old FS ranch, and was considered one of the best bronco busters in all of Indian Territory. He was red-haired, small of stature, and very proud of his extremely small hands and feet.

One day, Sant and a group of cowboys were lounging around on the porch of Frederick Severs store right across the street from the Council House. Just for "orneriness" Sant bet that he could shoot that bird on the steeple. He leveled down, pulled the trigger, and there was the hole in the eagle's wing.



***THE COUNCIL HOUSE EAGLE** as it appears today adorning the snow-covered top of the historic Creek Council House, built in 1878. The weather vane eagle has been the subject of legend and speculation for all these years as to "Who Shot the Council House Eagle?" —photo by Gary Robinson*

Many Versions of Eagle Tale—

Another version of the shooting incident involving the Council House eagle was told by Mrs. Hugh Henry, Sr. to her son Hugh Henry, Jr., known to everyone as "Bunk Henry." Mrs. Henry was the wife of the rancher who had often been called the founding father and namesake of Henryetta.

According to Mrs. Henry, she and her husband had driven to Okmulgee to purchase provisions at the Severs store, which stood where the Citizens National Bank now stands. Mr. Henry had gone off on some other errand,leaving her sitting in the buckboard which was hitched in front of the store.

While she was sitting there, a long-time friend of the family, Israel Carr, rode up on his horse. Israel was the son of David A. Carr, an early merchant who had owned and operated a store in the Creek Capitol in 1882. When he was found murdered on his ranch outside of Okmulgee, his son, Israel, had vowed to avenge his father's death and his exploits in this direction had gotten him trouble with the law.

As they exchanged greetings, Israel noticed some red bandana handkerchiefs hanging from the porch rafters. With a grin, he reached up and pulled one of the bandanas loose, and, riding his horse close to the buckboard, he tossed the handkerchief into Mrs. Henry's lap, saying. "I've always wanted to give you something, and here it is!"

Mrs. Henry chided him for calling attention to himself, and suggested that he get out of town quickly before the law officers caught him.

Recklessly he called, "I don't care a thing about them," and, drawing his gun, began firing. Mrs. Henry could see the eagle clearly, and as she watched, she saw it spin and the dust fly from it. As Israel Carr spurred his horse and sped out of town, the eagle steadied, and she could see the sun shining through the hole in its wing.

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Oklahoma Historical Society Resources—

In 1934 the federal government transferred the historical records of Oklahoma's Indian tribes to the OHS. That world famous collection is now preserved as the heart of the Indian Archives and Manuscripts Division.

In addition to these Indian materials, the Archives preserves a wide variety of records, from special collections of pioneer missionaries to oral history tapes. All are carefully stored with the most modern archival methods.

Today, the collections of the Archives consist of 3.5 million manuscripts pages, more than 7,000 bound volumes, approximately 27,000 historic photographs, and more than 1,500 taped interviews. Each piece adds to the mosaic of our history.

For more information, write the Oklahoma Historical Society, Historical Building, Oklahoma City, OK 73105.

Virgin territory for the Lord-

Reprint Okmulgee County History Collection-

The distrust of the white man which the Creeks had developed extended to white missionaries. One Creek told a missionary, "Go teach your white men who cheat and lie and get drunk before you come to us." Many town chiefs levied fines of $2 to $3.50 on Creeks who refused to attend traditional ceremonies because of missionary teachings.

But the white missionaries saw the Indians as virgin territory for the word of God. And in 1841, Reverend Robert Loughridge was directed by the Presbyterian Board to make a proposition to the Creeks. He rode out of Eutaw, Alabama. If they would allow him to conduct a school for the children,he promised not to preach outside the building. Chief Roley McIntosh told him, "We want a school, but we don't want any preaching, for we find that preaching breaks up all our customs...which we want to keep up." Early in 1843, Loughridge and his wife opened their school in an abandoned cabin near the home of Chief Roley McIntosh. They bought the cabin for $10-a bargain because the tribe believed it was haunted. It was called Koweta. By 1846, it was too small to accomodate all the students. The Creeks relented and let in other preachers and denominations. Within three years, the Baptists had a half dozen churches in the Creek Nation.

One of the missionaries was Reverend Samuel Worcester who had worked with the Cherokees in Georgia. He moved west with them and made his home not far from Tahlequah at Park Hill. His daughter Ann Eliza married William Schenk Robertson, a Presbyterian missionary and principal from Tullahassee, 16 miles east of Koweta school and nine miles north of Muskogee.

Conditions at the mission were typical of those throughout the Creek Nation. When Ann Eliza arrived at Tullahassee, there were 30 boarding students and 20 day school children. They were all just getting over "kine pox" and almost all had "sore arms." In October, an epidemic of measles broke out. Seventy pupils came down with it, many cases complicated by dysentery. Ann Eliza had to see to their care, as well as conduct classes and Sunday School. Without medicines, there was little she could do to control the fever and pneumonia that followed.

The major problems which faced the missionaries were emotional and psychological, stemming from racial and cultural differences-not to mention language barriers. There was also food to be grown, harvested, cooked and dried. Clothing had to be made by hand since there was no sewing machine. It was Ann Eliza's job to also aid in times of birth and death. Even when she herself was ill, she would be called on to stay with others considered worse off than herself.

The daily schedule was rigorous. Before daylight, the school bell rang, children washed themselves, made their beds and cleaned their rooms. The boys fed the stock, drew water or cut firewood while the girls helped prepare breakfast or worked in the dairy. Breakfast was at 6 a.m. in the summer, 7 a.m. Lunch was at noon with a short recreation period afterwards. Classes resumed at 1 p.m. and lasted until about 4:30. The pupils went back to work for another hour and a half, "took tea" at 6:30, followed by more worship and study. On Sunday, everyone attended Sunday School noon and night. Monday, however, was a playday when children attended classes only until noon.

Ann Eliza bore two daughter, Ann Augusta, born during a prairie fire which threatened the mission, and Mary Alice. The 1850's were harsh years for everyone, particularly the missionaries who were

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Plains Indian Art Exhibit at Natural History Museum in D.C.

"Plains Indian Art--Continuity and Change," an exhibition demonstrating how the work of contemporary Plains Indian artists is rooted in tribal traditions of the past, opened October 9 at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History in the Thomas M. Evans Gallery (ground floor) and will run through February 22.

The exhibit consists of a dozen pairs of objects. One object of each pair is made by a contemporary Plains Indian artist and functions within the fabric of modern Indian life. The other object of each pair, from the Smithsonian collections, was made in the 19th century. Together, they display how themes of innovation, continuity of form and function, reinterpretation and creativity are expressed in varying degrees by contemporary Indian artists.

The contemporary art works on view consist of: a dance bustle by John Goes in Center, Oglala Lakota (Sioux); powwow drum by Percy Long Time Standing Bullchild, Blackfoot; cradle cover by Kate Goes In Center, Brule Lakota (Sioux); belt and matching buckle by James Takes Enemy, Crow; silver pipe tomahawk by Lutz Whitebird, southern Cheyenne; girl's dress and leggings by Paukeigope, Kiowa and Pima; courting blanket by Arthur Amiotte, Oglala Lakota (Sioux); an eagle pipe bowl by Charles Rencountre, Brule Lakota (Sioux); a beaded checkbook cover by Edgar Jackson, Shoshone-Bannock; beaded canteen by Eva McAdams, Shoshone; a woman's beaded shawl by Rose Gibbons, Lakota (Sioux); doll (Cheyenne Woman) by Rhonda Holy Bear, Miniconjous, Lakota (Sioux).

Creating beautiful objects has always been part of Plains Indian society. Some 19th-century works were made to mark major life passages. Others marked status, accomplishments, social membership or tribal affiliation. Still others were considered common domestic furnishings. All of them were interwoven into the fabric of Indian society; they were made to be used, worn or displayed.

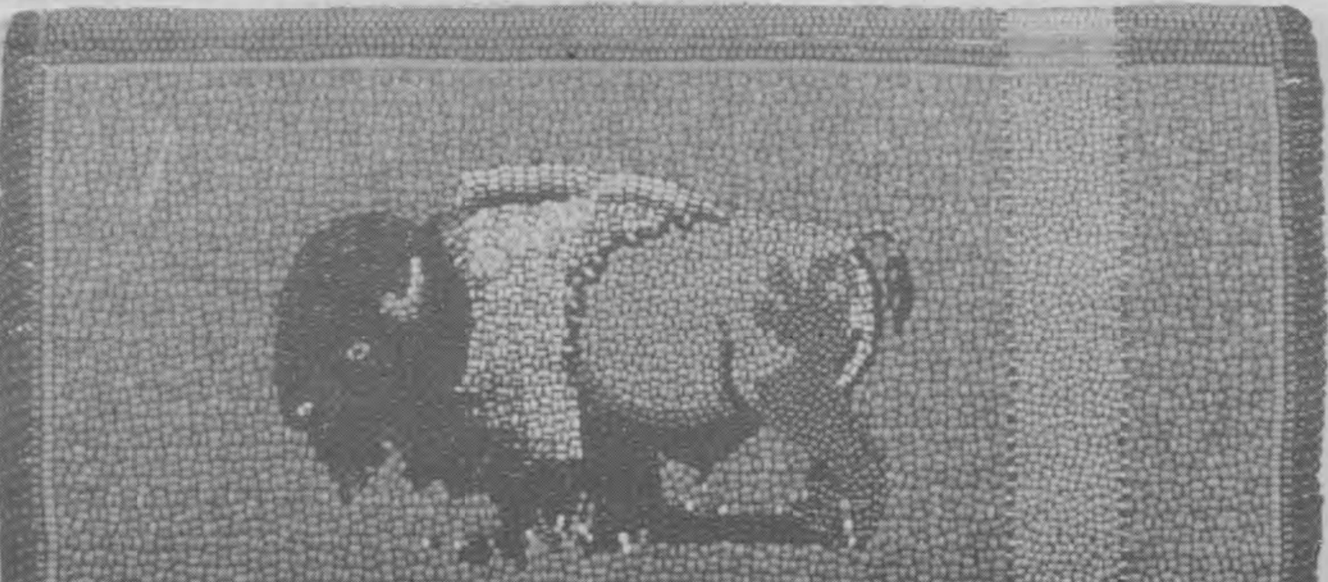
Some general characteristics can be seen in all 19th-century Plains art and in many contemporary pieces as well. Plains art was functional, durable and generally small in scale, because it had to be portable. It reflected the use of hides as the base of Plains technology; with no abundant sources of wood, essentials such as housing, clothing and tools were made of hide and animal products.

Outside influences and new materials have had an enormous impact on the style and production of Plains Indian art. Beadwork, considered emblematic of the region, was actually introduced in the 19th century. Similarly, cloth and commerical paints and dyes affected Plains styles. Today, Plains art and artists--represented by the work of the artists in the exhibition--continues to incorporate new and interesting ideas and materials into the body of traditional art, creating a new synthesis of personal expression and classical form.

The exhibition, organized by Dr. Joallyn Archambault, director of American Indian programs at the National Museum of Natural History, is presented in; conjunction with "Lost and Found Traditions: Native American Art 1965-85," an exhibition of contemporary Native American artistic traditions at the Renwick Gallery on display through March 6, 1988.

Special events planned at the museum in conjunction with "Plains Indian Art--Continuity and Change," include: Dec 6--Craft demonstrations by Vanessa Morgan, an Indian artist from Oklahoma who is featured in the "Plains Indian Art" exhibition. In the exhibition area. Free. Dec. 11--"Plains Indian Arts, A New Synthesis." Illustrated lecture by Joallyn Archambault. Noon. Baird Auditorium. Free. Jan. 16, 1988--Seminar on Plains Indians (title to be announced). Sponsored by the Smithsonian Resident Associate Program. 10-4:30 p.m. S. Dillion Ripley Center Auditorium (1100 Jefferson Drive S.W.) $45 fee for members; $55 for non-members.

The National Museum of Natural History, located at 10th street and Constitution Avenue N.W., is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Admission to the museum is free.



A BUFFALO ADORNS A BEADED CHECKBOOK COVER *by artist Edgar Jackson, Shoshone-Bannock, 1986, as part of the Plains Indian Art, Continuity and Change exhibit at the National Museum of Natural History. The cover is made of beads, cloth and leather and was lent to the exhibit anonymously. Photo courtesy Smithsonian Museum of Natural History.*

Virgin Territory Continued-

always hard-pressed for funds. Both the Irish and sweet potato crops failed in 1853. The next year, the missionaries planted 20 acres of corn, 1 3/4 acres of potatoes and garden vegetables-all injured in a severe drought. Crops failed in the heat. The winter of 1855 brought still another drought. When rain finally broke the drouth, Ann Eliza wrote, "Our long drouth has (at) last passed and for 10 days past we had rain after rain-The ground is wet-The rivers high and famine scared from the door once more I hope-Yet there comes from all quarters and accounts of the injury done the crops by worms and while from the west (50 or 60 miles) comes accounts of the Mormon grasshoppers which are swarming by myriads the young corn having been entirely destroyed on many of the Seminole and Creek town 150 (miles) apart. Today we have hoed our Irish potatoes for the second time and our early corn also-our main corn crop is just large enough to show the rows across a ten acre lot. If you will take breakfast with us you shall have lettuce and radishes. We shall have very few peaches-we have suceeded in getting seed to plant a good field of sweet potatoes. I hope to have 500 bushel of sweet and 300 of Irish potatoes. Parsnip, onion, carrot, squash, cabbage, pepper, grass seeds have failed to come up-I hope our supplies will reach us this week and then we shall have some molasses and rice and sugar rather more plentiful again."

Senator Inouye Sponsors Bill To Move Museum

Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-Hi) said he will sponsor a bill to move the Museum of the American Indian collection from its Harlem location to a new museum in Washington, D.C.

Inouye proposed relocating the collection to a new Smithsonian Institution administered museum on the Mall in Washington. His proposal also includes a provision for opening a small facility in Manhattan.

Several officials from New York City are opposed to the move and suggest the museum, containing the largest collection of Indian artifacts in the world, should remain in New York.

Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D—NY) and Rep. Ted Weiss (D-NY) proposed moving the collection to the Custom House. The 1907 building is located near the site where the Canarsie Indians sold Manhattan Island to the Dutch, said Moynihan. A provision for an Indian museum in Washington, with liberal borrowing priviledges from the New York museum is also included in the New York official's proposal.

NYC Mayor Ed Koch said the city and state pledged to put up $13 million each toward renovating the custom house to display the collection. The project would cost an estimated $35 million. New York City would pay 25 percent of the museum's annual operating costs, said Koch.

"We want this collection because it is part of our heritage,' said Koch. New York is a "premier Indian state" because it is the center of the Iroquoise Confederacy, he said.

The officials appeared on November 18 at a Senate Rules and Indian Affairs Committee to discuss the fate of the collection. The officials asked Sen Inouye if he would help them to work out a compromise, and Inouye agreed to do so.

The museum is currently located in Harlem, where an estimated 50,000 people per year visit the facility. Only a fraction of the collection can be displayed at the museum and the other artifacts sit in several warehouses around New York City.

Indian Journalists To Meet In Denver

A panel of Native American journalists will discuss freedom of the press issues in Indian country during the 4th Annual Native American Press Association Conference March 17-19 in Denver, Colo. Native American journalists from across the United States and Canada are expected to attend the three day event. The panel will discuss the history of freedom of the press and examine current issues that relate to Indian newspapers. The conference is entitled "Journalism: a Profession for Indian People." An awards luncheon will recognize Indian country's best writers, reporters and newspapers, and scholarships will be awarded to outstanding high school senior and undergraduate journalism students. For more information, contact conference chair Susan Arkeketa at PO Box 1734, Boulder, Colo., 80306.

Russell Means Resigns from AIM

Reprint Tulsa Tribune, January 8, 1988

Activist Russell Means has resigned from the American Indian Movement, saying the organization has enjoyed "phenomenal" success in integrating itself into U.S. society.

Means and Dennis Banks led the 1973 uprising in Wounded Knee, S.D., that left two Indians dead and permanently paralyzed a federal marshal.

"AIM people are now integrated into every productive and responsible segment of Indian and non-Indian society," Means, 48, said Thursday in Bakersfield, Calif.

"The American Indian Movement has accomplished the impossible: AIM has worked itself out of a job."

AIM was formed two decades ago to protest what Means termed a dual system of justice among whites and Indians. In recent years the group has embraced economic development issues and ventured into politics.

Means and Banks, a co-founder of AIM, were charged with 10 felony counts each after the 71-day Wounded Knee uprising. However, a federal judge, citing misconduct by the prosecution dismissed the case after an eight-month trial.

"When we went after sovereignty and self-determination for Indian peoples, the success we enjoyed is phenomenal, beyond our wildest dreams," said Means, an Oglala Sioux.

Yet Indians still face major obstacles, he said, "The latest citadel of racism is the intellectual community both here and abroad."

BIA Publishes Adult Ed Rules

Washington-The Bureau of Indian Affairs published in the Federal Register Dec. 30 proposed regulations for administration of Indian adult education programs. The proposed rules will establish standardized administrative procedures for operating and administering an educational program for Indian adults. The regulations apply to programs within the BIA and within tribally-contracted programs. Comments on the regulations must be received on or before Feb. 29. "The rules will ensure that the Bureau of Indian Affairs Adult Education Program shall provide educational opportunities and learning experiences to enable Indian adults to acquire basic literacy skills, continue their education to at least the level of completion of secondary school, and to gain the skills needed to improve their functioning as individuals and as members of families and communities," according to the proposed regulations. For more information contact Esther Whalen at (202) 343-4871. Comments should be mailed or hand carried to Wilson Babby, deputy to the Assistant Secretary and Director of Indian Education Programs BIA, 18th & C Streets NE, Room 3512 MIB, Washington, D.C. 20245

Means Resigns From American Indian Movement (for at least the sixth time)-

By Vernon Bellecourt

On Thursday, January 7, 1988 a press conference was held in Bakersfield, California where Russell Means again announced that he was resigning from the American Indian Movement (AIM) and that he was writing an autobiography. He stated that the reason he was again resigning from the American Indian Movement was that all was well with Indian people, and that AIM had quote, "worked itself out of a job."

Among the journalists covering the press conference were Associated Press reporters, Joe Bigham and/or Rob Wells of the Fresno California office who filed their story with the AP wire, which was picked up and covered by almost every major newspaper nationwide. This story was filed by Associated Press writers without asking the comments of any legitimate leaders of the American Indian Movement.

The fact is Russell Means, on at least six (6) occasions has been able to get the attention of the press. This time it becomes obvious that he has used the American Indian Movement to get the attention of the press to promote his autobiography.

The first time he resigned from the American Indian Movement was in 1974 when he ran for the presidency of the Oglala Nation on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota against his foe, Dick Wilson. The confusion caused an alienation of American Indian Movement members on the Pine Ridge Reservation and according to observers probably cost him the election.

He publicly resigned from AIM again in 1984 while he was seeking the Vice-Presidency on the ticket with Larry Flint of Hustler Magazine.

In 1985, he again resigned from Yellow Thunder Camp in the Black Hills stating, quote, "I'm tired babysitting Yellow Thunder Camp" and that he was going to go on to other interests. Those interests being to align himself with the Miskito faction of the contras, as well, Elliot Abrams, and the Reagan Administration's war against the Nicaraguan people of which the Miskito Indian people and all Nicaraguans are the principal victims.

During this time he went on a nationwide speaking tour sponsored by the Unification Church of the Rev. SunYung Moon, speaking to right wing audiences. The same groups who are totally opposed to Indian treaty,political, jurisdiction, water, natural resources, and territorial rights.

In 1987, he was seeking the nomination of the Libertarian Party and was rejected by the Libertarians at their national convention.

From 1974 to the present over the protest of American Indian Movement leadership, the press continued to represent Russell Means as a leader of the American Indian Movement. We hope that at least it is now clear by his recent, and well publicized resignation that the press will never again report either that he is a founder of the American Indian Movement, nor is he a leader of the American Indian Movement, and that this latest resignation is final.

The struggle of the Indian people out of which the American Indian Movement plays a principal role does not end with the final chapter of his autobiography. The fact is, at this very moment, the Oglala Nation and the larger Great Sioux Nation of which Mr. Means is a member, is still struggling for the return of the Sacred Black Hills (the Paha Sapa) and we continue to work for the passage of a bill introduced by Senator Bill Bradley (Dem-N.J.) which calls for the return of large areas of the Black Hills to the Great Sioux Nation.

We continue to work to overturn in the U.S. Supreme Court P.L. 99-264, the so-called White Earth Reservation Land Settlement Act that expropriated at least 200,000 acres of allotted lands on the White Earth Anishinabe Nation in Minnesota, and sets a precedent for the theft of millions of acres of allotted land on all reservations nationwide.

We are still struggling to free political prisoners Leonard Peltier and David Sohappy. The push out rate for Indian students in the elementary level is upwards to seventy-five percent (75%) in many areas of the country and eighty-five to ninety-five percent at the university level.

In almost every action taken by the United States Congress and Supreme Court having to deal with treaty, land, water, and political rights, these have been and continue to be acts and decisions detrimental to Indian peoples interests. At this very moment graves and sacred shrines are being desecrated by grave robbers in the state of Kentucky and elsewhere throughout the country. Bill Thomas of the Shawnee Nation and representative of the American Indian Movement, along with Dennis Banks are at this time at the Kentucky site to investigate this major desecration.

It should be clear to everyone, particularly our Indian people and the leadership of the American Indian Movement that we have not "worked ourselves out of a job", and with renewed vigor and determination we must continue the struggle on behalf of our people, children, grandchildren and future generations. For more information call 612-721-3914.

***RON FIXICO (left) IN TULSA AND CHIEF COX (right) IN OKMULGEE APPEAR SIMULTANEOUSLY ON THE SCREEN OF A "VIDEOPHONE"** as part of a recent demonstration of this new communication technology. In the near future, Creek Nation will be a part of a network of videophones which will include the leaders of the Five Civilized Tribes, Oklahoma's Governor, Mayors of several major cities and the President in Washington.*

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Okemah-Based CARES Tribal Business Only Athletic Repair in State

CHECKING OVER ESTIMATE SHEETS FOR THE DAILY OPERATION OF CARES, *left to right, Marshall Hardin, Project Supervisor, Mike Hammer, CARES consultant, and Gary Hardin, independent contractor with CARES, stand beneath a backdrop of athletic helmets from Ada High School, one of many state and out-of-state schools who are customers of the tribally-owned athletic equipment repair and supply and which are symbols of the phenomenal success CARES has enjoyed since opening in October as the only such business of it's kind in Oklahoma.*

By Kathryn Bell

CARES, Creek Athletic Repair Equipment, Supply, a tribal enterprise of the Creek Nation, based in Okemah, is unique for two reasons - it is the only athletic equipment repair operation in the state and secondly and most important for the Indian people of the Okemah area, it has and will continue to have an impact on the Okfuskee county area's severe unemployment rate among Indians; "One of the reasons we located this operation here in Okemah is because of the high unemployment rate among the Indians in this county - we hope to have a percentage of Creek people employed in the future--which represents a goal of 250 Creeks--which is based on the Creek tribal enrollment figures," explained Mike Hammer, who is the consultant on the CARES tribal enterprise.

CARES has been enjoying phenonmenal success, having become fully operational one year ahead of their projections. They opened for business in a former skating rink which comfortably houses their facility and offices in 1,000 square feet of space. The facility is strategically located south of Okemah just off I-40.

After a thorough feasibility study conducted by the Tribe as to the viability of such an enterprise, the plant opened to refurbish football equipment for high school, college and youth football programs. This repair and refurbishment includes, according to Hammer, "totally reconditioning of all protective parts of the football (and some baseball) equipment - from minor repair to major reconditioning of the equipment." The plant is set up to do the athletic equipment of 300 schools each year. The original target in the business plan had been to operate within a 100-mile radius but that capability has been dramatically increased, much to the surprise and appreciation of the tribal business operatives - "We now have capacity to extend our services to a six state area and that was initially beyond our expectations," said Hammer. He feels the growth into this area is due to not only the successful management of the business, but to the marketing strategy the business has utilized through an Indian marketing group plus the expertise of their independent contractor Gary Hardin. "We got the word out early and a network was established of dealerships - we currently have 30 major dealers that utilize our athletic equipment repair services, as well," he said.

Currently, there are only twenty-eight companies nationwide that offer the reconditioning/repair service, with none located in the state. Therefore, state schools must rely on firms located in San Antonio and Wichita for this much needed service. And, because of the limited competition between existing firms, schools have to pay the prices being charged. CARES can effectively operate and be profitable with a competitive pricing structure. State schools, to their benefit, could save additional costs by eliminating out-of-state freight charges.

To illustrate the rapid growth of the company, first year projections indicated a goal of the plant having 8% of the state's reconditioning market - "but right now, we have 22%, so we are actually in our second year growth projections," Hammer pointed out, "and we hope to eventually have 60% of the state's market as well as 10% of the areas we are now serving within the six state area." Hammer said the business strengths of an accessible location, good facility, and manpower make these goals realistic.

Another factor in the athletic repair business, emphasized Hammer, is the safety regulations criteria for athletic equipment. Unlike other states, Oklahoma doesn't currently require that schools recertify football helmets on a regular basis. They have found, however, that they can save money on their liability insurance coverage as well as provide for the safety of young athletes if helmets are recertified annually. CARES does safety inspection of all equipment they get - "we visually inspect all equipment for any defective parts, then the equipment is taken apart totally, sanitized, put back together and put on a machine to be tested for further defects - it's a thorough inspection," said Hammer.

Hammer praised the confidence and support that Creek Nation had demonstrated in establishing CARES as a tribal enterprise - "It was a major step in economic development for them and we have had very good support from the Nation. A lot of major companies are now realizing tribal governments capability for economic development, particularly with their land base and trained work force." Hammer continued that the CN Executive Branch had given good input into the project and lauded the Interim Board that oversaw the project - Gary Breshears, David Bryant, Sandy McIntosh, Carney Roberts, Chief Cox and Creek Second Chief Perry Beaver, whose coaching expertise and support, according to Hammer, were invaluable on the development of the project.

The fact that Hammer was a former coach in California figured into the viability of CARES - "What I got from my coaching background is the safety aspect of this business, as a coach, the safety features of athletic equipment is the most important." He explained that schools are becoming more aware of the safety features of their equipment and their liability to the young players. "If a student gets hurt from an uncertified helmet, a coach, in addition to the injury of the athlete, must face perhaps losing his career." Hammer said that since 1977, when schools first started to get their athletic equipment safety certified, the injury rate has gone down.

Hammer, who was born and raised in Sapulpa, said he actually got involved in the idea of the business, through recruiting students from this area, and after having met Perry Beaver. who told him the tribe was interested in economic development thus the idea was born -"it was also a good opportunity for me to get involved with my tribe." Hammer originally went to California in 1961 on a BIA training program. He

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CN Social Services Notice—

The Creek Nation Social Services programs encourages Creek people to apply for their Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) and Creek enrollment cards. These cards are necessary for eligibility in the Creek Nation's Tribal Burial Program. For more information, contact the Citizenship Board, 756-8700 ext. 224 or Social Services, 756-8700 ext. 285.

Muscogee Nation News

The Muscogee Nation News is a monthly publication of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. The offices are located one mile north of Okmulgee, Oklahoma in the Creek Nation Complex. The office of the MNN is located in the Tribal Mound Building at the Complex.

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—NOTICE—

CDIB Required. . .

This is to inform you a CDIB (Certification Of Degree Of Indian Blood Card) must be obtained by March 1, 1988. If you wish to continue receiving health care at the Okemah Indian Clinic. After this date, you will be refused services until you obtain your CDIB card.

You may not be aware of the need for you to have your CDIB card. If the need should arise for you to be referred to a private facility, we cannot do so.

Ninth Annual Indian Ed Exposition, April 19-21

The Indian Education Section, Oklahoma State Department of Education and the American Indian Institute, University of Oklahoma, will sponsor the 9th Annual Oklahoma Indian Education Exposition on April 19-21. The Expo will be held in the Forum Building of the Oklahoma Center for Continuing Education (OCCE) at 1704 Asp Avenue in Norman.

—JOB ANNOUNCEMENT—

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JOB SUMMARY

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MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Prefer a Bachelor's Degree in Behavioral Sciences, plus experience working with youth. Must have experience in organizing and conducting groups. Must have extensive knowledge of the Oklahoma Indian population and direct working experience with Indian clients. Needs driver's license and personal transportation. Must have adequate insurance to allow for transporting youth. Must be physically able to run, knowledge of running techniques, and coaching methods. Must be available for evening and weekend hours.

Dear MNN,

I receive M.N.N. regularly and enjoy reading the articles. I even found an unknown relative through an ad in the paper. Thanks.

Recently, a reader was seeking information about Chilocco Indian School. Is the school still closed? Would you do an indepth article about Chilocco, its administration, pupils, etc? An article or series of articles would be wonderful. My father went to Chilocco as a small child many years ago.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely, Olivia Mausel
Holyoke, Mass.

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Press Release by Council Speaker Concerning Super Satellite Bingo. . .

Following is a statement made by Kenneth Childers, National Council Speaker, concerning the Super Satellite Bingo. . .

The American Indian Super Satellite Bingo, Incorporated, does not have a valid contract with the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. Therefore, the National council of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation took the position that there not being a valid contract approved in accordance with the provisions of the Muscogee (Creek) Constitution, the American Indian Super Satellite Bingo, Inc., could not be allowed to continue. It's our responsibility, as elected officials of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, to guard against any possibility that our tribal actions or involvement will in anyway jeopardize the future of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

'88 Creek Rodeo Queen Applications Available

Applications are available for entering the 1988-89 Creek Nation Rodeo Queen Contest. The applications can be picked up from Helen Chalakee, contest coordinator, in the Creek Communication Department located in the Tribal Mound at the Complex in Okmulgee or by phone request 918/756-8700 ex. 312. Entry deadline is April 19, 1988- 5:00 p.m.

ELIGIBILITY RULES

(1) Must be at least 1/4 Creek Indian by blood (C.D.I.B. copy must be attached to form) (2) Must be a current resident of state of Oklahoma (3) 16-25 age limit (proof of age must be attached to form). (4) Must be single, never been married or have children, or get married during her reiqn as queen, else she will be reauired to forfeit her title (5) Must be able to ride horse (6) Must provide own horse (7) $25 entry fee.

REQUIREMENTS

(1) The contestant will sell ads for the program as part of the contest (2) Must submit three black and white photos with entry (3) Must submit one page or less background information on self (typed, double spaced) (4) The queen will be expected to appear at both performances of the Creek Nation Rodeo and will be expected to represent Creek Nation at various rodeos and parades throughout the year.

JUDGING

Horsemanship: *Contestants are required to perform a pre-assigned riding pattern. She will be judged on (1) control of mount and the way each situation which may occur is handled (2) Balance (ability to sit a saddle) (3) Position of hands, feet and seat (4) Mounting and dismounting. The understanding and skills of the contestant will be judged, not the horse or the equipment.*

Ad Sales: *All ad sales must be turned in by May 23 between the hours of 1:00 p.m and 2:00 p.m. to the treasurer of the Creek Festival Committee, Bob Davis, at the Communication Department. Ad copy will also be accepted at this time. Do not bring ad copy or money before this time. Money must tally with sales. Checks should be made to Creek Festival Committee.*

Appearance: *The purpose of this judging is to select the girl who rates highest in attractiveness, grooming and photogenic quality. Creek Ribbon Shirts will be worn by the contestants for the judging and throughout the contest and rodeo appearances. The shirts may be any color or style. Accessories (jeans, boots, hats, belts, etc. will be the decision of the contestant- no gloves required, but can be worn) Contestants will be judged on continuity of total Indian cowgirl look.*

Personality: *Contestants will be judged on intelligence, conversational ability, sense of humor, showmanship, and her ability to project personality, whether it be from on horseback in an arena or before an audience. Each contestant will be required to present a two minute or less recitation on why she wants to become Creek Nation Rodeo Queen and also her feelings about Indian rodeo.*

Judging will take place during the day on Friday, June 17 (location and time to be announced.)

To be selected Creek Nation Rodeo Queen is a very special recognition. The queen will receive rewards and assistance that will be established by the Creek Festival Committee. She is the versed ambassador for the betterment, promotion and understanding of Indian rodeo.

The Creek Nation Rodeo Queen will be recognized as an official representative of the Creek Nation.

CN Communication Dept. Video Receives NCCJ Media Award-

GARY ROBINSON, CN COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST, *receives a National Conference of Christians and Jews Media Award from Bob Hower at the NCCJ Media Awards Luncheon held February 14 in Tulsa.*

By Kathryn Bell

The National Conference of Christians and Jews (NCCJ) presented a plaque of excellence to Gary Robinson, CN Communications Specialist, at their Twentieth Annual Media Awards Luncheon, held February 12 at the Doubletree Hotel in Tulsa. The award was presented by Bob Hower, Media Awards Committee Chairman and well-known local Tulsa television personality.

The Plaque, inscribed with the wording, "Distinguished Merit Citation," and "Best Award for Non-Broadcast Television" was given to Robinson for his 25-minute video on the spiritual traditions of the Creek people, entitled "Praise of Our Fathers." Hower remarked in presenting the coveted award -"This 25-minute program about the spiritual traditions of the Creek Indians explores common elements of Creek ceremonial practices and Creek Christian churches and introduces ideas that could help bridge the gap between the two groups." He said the Media Award judges called the program "a sincere presentation" about the preservation of a heritage, and moreover, "they liked the way Gary showed the Creeks experiencing their religion rather than just talking about it -- the way they shared it makes us much more appreciative of that heritage."

The Awards Luncheon opened with a Welcome from Hower, followed by an Invocation in the Muscogee (Creek) language by Rev. Woodrow Haney. Next Tulsa Mayor Dick Crawford gave the official greeting with Yolanda Charney of the Media Awards Committee explaining that the NCCJ Awards were to "reward excellence and sensitivity in the media that brought about a better understanding of cultural diversity within the community." The awards were given to those individual members of the Tulsa media who had done outstanding work in furthering human relations in the Tulsa area.

A KTUL documentary "The Trail of Tears," by Ken Wells was the "best overall entry" in the Media Awards. Also in a special presentation at the noon luncheon, Joyce Peterson, reporter for the Tulsa World, received the Gold Medallion for her five-part series on the homeless mentally ill in Tulsa.

Next, Tulsa Mayor Dick Crawford gave a fitting salute to NCCJ for their work in "eliminating prejudice, hatred, discrimination and bigotry through the promotion of brotherhood." The Mayor also proclaimed February 12 as being "Joyce Peterson Day" for the City of Tulsa and the week of February 14-20 as "Brotherhood and Sisterhood Day" for the City.

In addition to Robinson's winning entry in the non-broadcast category, Rocky Stegman of Stegman Productions, Inc. received a plaque for "Special Children. . .Special Opportunities," as did Gretchen Haas and Trish Popkess for "Out of the Shadows" which they did as volunteers for the Tulsa Metropolitan Ministry.

Other awards were given in the categories of Print, Radio and Television, the majority of which were won by the two major Tulsa newspapers, television stations and radio.

Also of the two Native American media professionals who received awards, Linda Skinner of the American Indian Resource Center was awarded a plaque for "Traditions for Teaching."

This was the first year that American Indian media people in the Tulsa area had been invited to participate and alot of the credit should go to people like Lillian Williams, Indian Pupil Education counselor in Tulsa, who served on the Media Awards committee, and who worked hard to have Native American representation in the media competition.

The National Conference of Christians and Jews is a non-profit human relations organization engaged in a nationwide program of intergroup education to eliminate prejudice and discrimination. Founded in 1928, the NCCJ believes that respect for the rich diversity of our nation is vital to the preservation of it's democracy.

Indian Registry Encourages Protest of ABC-TV Program

The American Indian Registry for the Performing Arts is calling on the national Indian community to protest a new ABC—TV program, Wonder Years, which presents Indians as mascots for the show's high school team.

"This is an insult to the dignity of Indian people," says Hanay Geiogamah, acting executive director of the Registry. "It is unintelligent and simply wrong." The debut of the new series aired on Sunday, January 31, 1988.

"We are recommending that all interested individuals, Indian organizations and tribal governments write to ABC to complain of the insulting manner in which Indians are depicted," Geiogamah adds. "We are the only group of people that have been denigrated and demeaned to the level of being sports team mascots. We never see teams named to the Cleveland Jews, the Philadelphia White Boys, the Detroit Black Boys, the Albuquerque Mexicans, or the San Francisco Chinamen, yet we see teams like the Washington Redskins, Cleveland Indians, and Minnesota Braves. And now we have a major television network perpetuating the defamation of Indian people!"

An honorable apology from ABC would be in the form of a storyline within the program which would remove the Indians from the cheerleaders' uniforms and football team jerseys and effectively show removal of Indians as mascots and explain why it is insulting. If this network program did incorporate such a storyline, it would improve the image of Indians beyond the 19th Century perspective. Please send your letters to: Mr. Thomas S. Murphy, Chairman Capital City/ABC, Inc. 1330 Avenue of the Americas, 39th floor, New York, New York 10019.

Send a copy to Mr. Daniel Burke, President, and also to the office of the Legal Affairs Vice President at the same New York address.

Also, please send a letter to the general manager of your local ABC affiliate station.

We can change the way Indians are portrayed on television if we stand united and work together as Indian people!

Hanay Geiogamah, Executive Director, The American Indian Registry for the Performing Arts, 3330 Barham Blvd. number 208, Los Angeles, CA. 90068, 213/851-9874.

National Public Radio Select Ethnic Journalists for News Residencies-

National Public Radio recently selected six ethnic-minority journalists to participate in month-long news residencies in the Washington bureau contributing to the award-winning newsmagazines Morning Edition, All Things Considered, and Weekend Edition.

The journalists were selected from more than 40 applicants by a committee of NPR news department staff. The six are: Gary Fife: Managing Editor, National Native News/Alaska Public Radio Network, Anchorage, Alaska. Janet Hedman: Independent correspondent, New York, New York. Maria Martin: Host/Editor, Latin American News Service?KXCR-FM, El Paso, Texas. Marcos Martinez: News Director/ KUNM-FM, Alb.NM. Debra J. Smith; Executive Producer, First Person Radio/MIGIZI Communications, Minneapolis, Minn. Deborah Wang: Reporter/Producer/WFCR—FM, Amherst, Mass.

"The residencies strengthen the partnership NPR has built with member stations," said Douglas J. Bennet, president of the NPR.

"Drawing on the diverse resources and talent around the country enriches NPR and enables us to further improve the caliber of news we offer to listeners."

NPR designed the news residencies to enhance the quality of local and freelance news reporting. The journalists participate in reporting, newswriting, and production tutorials.

"I covered the Michael Deaver story before he was convicted," said Debra Smith, the first resident to participate in the program. "My reporting skills are sharper and I expect the quality of my stories to be consistently higher."

The news residency program is funded by the Rockefeller Foundation and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. NPR's newsmagazines include features and stories provided by NPR correspondents, member station contributing reporters, and a worldwide network of freelancers. Morning Edition, All Thing Considered, and Weekend Edition can be heard on most of the 350 NPR member stations located in 48 states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia.

"Inside Native America" Expands

"Inside Native America," a public affairs program that focuses on the issues and concerns of the American Indian Community in Tulsa and hosted by George Tiger of Creek Nation, will now be seen twice a month, instead of monthly, on KOTV, Channel 6, Tulsa. The program is shown at 10:30 a.m., Sunday. The next show is scheduled for March 6.

Scholarship Offered to Indians

The Ballard Scholarship Association will offer a $1,000 scholarship to an American Indian boy or girl again this year who will be entering a school of continuing education beyond high school in the fall of 1988. Students wishing to apply for this scholarship please have them fill out a Ballard Scholarship application and mail to Mrs. Ruby B. Ludwig, PO Box 250, Grove, OK 74344 by August 5.

Creek Physician Enjoys Rewards and Challenges of Medical Career

DR. KATHY STUBBS, SAPULPA CLINIC PHYSICIAN, *was recently invited to serve at the State Capital in Oklahoma City as "Doctor of the Day." She is shown above carrying out her duties at the Creek Nation Health Clinic in Sapulpa.*

By Kathryn Bell

Dr. Kathy Stubbs, D.O., physician at the Creek Nation Health Clinic in Sapulpa, recently served as "Doctor of the Day" at the State Capital in Oklahoma City.

Dr. Stubbs, who is Creek, was notified by the Osteopathic Medicine Association and invited to participate in the special program on February 3 at the Capital. "Doctor of the Day" was part of the activities of "Osteopathic Month" being observed by medical professionals in osteopathic medicine.

Upon acceptance, Dr. Stubbs manned a health office at the Capital building all day and assisted by a nurse, provided minor medical care to the Capital staff - "We had 22 legislators that day to come in our office for blood pressure checks and treatment of back pain, headaches and colds," said Dr. Stubbs, explaining that a health office is operated continuously at the Capital, five days a week, with a different professional volunteering to man the station each day, with a daily caseload of 15-20 people. The doctor remarked that the day was an interesting experience and that she was pleased to accept the invitation to serve at the State Capital.

Although Dr. Stubbs spends the majority of her working hours as the only physician at the Sapulpa Clinic (a post she has held for 18 months), she also divides her time with the CN Clinic at Okemah. Both are her first clinic practices since she received her Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from the Oklahoma College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery in 1985. Dr. Stubbs received her medical training in Oklahoma City, Tahlequah and Enid (where she did an internship in Pediatrics).

The rigors of the extensive academic preparation and involved training required when one opts for a career in medicine, have presented a challenge to the youthful doctor, who said she had always wanted to go into that field of service - "I knew that I had always wanted to go into a medical career and in high school I took courses in biology and the sciences--and besides that, I like helping people," she said, emphasizing that, in line with her life goals and priorities, she started her family first. She and her husband, Bruce, who is employed with the U.S. Postal Service in Muskogee, are the parents of two daughters, ages 10 and 12.

Spending the early years of their marriage in transition with her husband's Army duties, she was prompted later while attending Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, to go into medicine by her college counselor, who was also an optometrist - "He told me I could do it - so I did it," she quipped, adding that her family had encouraged her interest in medicine - particularly her father-in-law, who is also a physician.

The rewards of choosing the medical profession are apparent on a daily basis for Dr. Stubbs - "I see in the faces of my patients everyday, the rewards that come as a result of helping people - particularly my own Indian people," she said, adding that she has no future plans for private practice, but wishes to continue in the clinic setting - "I went to medical school to come back and work in a clinic setting with Indian people and that goal hasn't changed," she said.

As part of her treatment goals with her patients, Dr. Stubbs, who said she spends "alot" of time with her patients one-on-one, teaching them how to have better health through good nutrition, health habits and health awareness. She said she receives a good response from her patients - "Surprisingly, alot of my patients do take the responsibility for their own health and when they know that something they are doing is adversely affecting their health, they will change their lifestyles," she said.

Dr. Stubbs and her family reside in Muskogee, where she was born and raised and is the daughter of the late E.B. Breashears, and Peggy Blackard of Muskogee.

A CAVITY-FREE CHILD. . .

By Thomas R. Loken, DDS, Eufaula Indian Health Center

Having a cavity-free child is a goal every parent wants. There are few things that are as painful and stressful as a child with a toothache. Today however, toothaches can be prevented with the information and methods that modern dentistry has given us. Prevention is an on-going process that begins with the pregnant mother and should be carried out, with help from the parents, through-out childhood.

Since a baby's teeth begin forming before birth, things that are done by the mother affect the baby. A proper diet including foods rich in calcium, phosphorus and vitamins A,C, and D are essential for the development of healthy teeth and bones. Supplements may be needed during pregnancy and can be prescribed as needed by a physician. During the pregnancy parents are also advised of the dangers of baby bottle tooth decay. Baby bottle tooth decay is a pattern of tooth decay that attacks the baby teeth. Usually the upper front six teeth are the first ones involved. The cause of baby bottle tooth decay is prolonged bottle feeding during infancy and early childhood. Usually the liquid has a high sugar concentration such as fruit juices or milk and is kept in the mouth for extended periods such as nap time or at night. To prevent baby bottle tooth decay a child should be weaned from the bottle by age one and given a training cup. If a bottle must be used, plain water should be substituted for a sweetened drink. Also, at this time, if the drinking water is found to be deficient in fluoride concentration this would be an ideal time to begin fluoride supplements. Your dentist can advise you on the need for supplementation.

After birth, a child's first visit to a dentist should be as early as teeth begin erupting into the mouth, usually between 6-10 months of age. At this time the parents need to be instructed on the daily cleaning of the teeth. At first, wiping the teeth with a gauze or a damp washcloth will clean the teeth. As more teeth erupt, a small soft bristled brush can be used. Place the child on your knee and lean his or her head backwards into your lap so that you can see all of the teeth easily. Use your free hand to hold the mouth and lips open and gently brush or wipe all of the tooth surfaces. Check your child's teeth for white, yellow, or brown spots which could be early signs of decay. As your child grows the best way to teach dental care is to set a good example. Let your child watch and imitate you. Children can begin brushing on their own as early as 2 or 3 but they need to be checked and rebrushed in areas that they have missed.

Oral hygiene procedures including toothbrushing and flossing, fluoride supplementation, and regular preventative dental visits can make the cavity-free child a reality.

Tips on Shopping for Medicines—

Check prices carefully each time you shop.

Always compare the generic price with the brand name price, if a generic is available.

Buy generics whenever possible. Be sure to ask the doctor to write the prescription using the generic name of the drug, if a generic is available.

Ask your pharmacist to teach you how to read and interpret the description of ingredients on the package or label, so you can be sure you're getting the active ingredients(s) and dosage you need.

Buy in large quantities whenever possible and when it's safe to do so. As with many of the things you buy, you can usually save money by purchasing medicines in larger sizes.

If you must buy brand name over-the-counter items, buy them on special and save whenever possible.

Consider your time as well as money. In the Oregon survey, no single pharmacy or chain of pharmacies had the lowest price on every item. However, some were consistently lower than others. If you don't have the time, or it's a hardship to comparison shop for every prescription or medicine you buy, then selecet the pharmacy that is going to give you the best value overall.

Creek NSU Student on Dean's Honor Roll—

Kerry S. Girty, Lawrence, KS. has been named to the fall semester Dean's Honor Roll at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah. The honor roll consists of undergraduate students who have completed 12 or more semester hours and received no grade below a "B". Kerry is one-half Creek and is on her second semester junior year, majoring in Elementary Ed. She is the daughter of Frances Scott Girty formerly of Okemah. Her grandparents are Susie Scott and the late Ellis Scott of Okemah.

Enroll Early for CN Headstart Fall Term—

The Creek Nation Headstart Centers (Okmulgee, Eufaula, Yeager and Sapulpa) are currently accepting applications for the 1988-89 School year. The program is designed for low-income Indian children ages 3-5. Special services are provided for handicapped children. Please bring income verification, CDIB, birth certificate, and immunization record. For further information contact Jan Lynn, 756-8700, ext 337.

TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH—

DR. KATHERYN BLACK, CREEK NATION HOSPITAL PHYSICIAN *who recently completed an Advanced Trauma Life Support Course, checks a patient at the Okemah Clinic.*

Dr. Black Completes Trauma Course—

Dr. Katheryn Black, a physician at Creek Nation Community Hospital recently completed an Advanced Trauma Life Support class at the University of Texas Medical School in Dallas.

"In the event of a serious accident, the patient may have multiple, serious trauma," Dr. Black explained. "That could include broken bones and internal injuries. The class gives the participants a better knowledge of which injury to treat first."

Dr. Black, who staffs the Okemah Clinic, said the two-day course focused on the sequence of treating the trauma patient: opening the airways for optimum breathing, checking the circulatory status, assessing their injuries, treating the most life-threatening injuries followed by the less severe, and even followup care.

"The course will be beneficial to me in serving Creek Nation Community Hospital because I'm occasionally called to assist in the emergency room when mulitiple patients who've been seriously injured arrive," she related. "In these cases, the other physicians may be treating as many patients as they can handle, and an additional physician is necessary."

Sponsored by the American College of Surgeons, the class was not mandatory for Dr. Black, but she wanted to take it to improve her emergency skills. Taught by surgeons, the Advanced Trauma Life Support class featured both lectures, practice sessions, and tests covering all presented materials.

"Someday I'd like to take the class again, just to keep my skills up," Dr. Black said. "Medicine changes so quickly that continuing education is very important."

DR. JAMES BLACK, ASSISTED BY LOU HUDSON, R.N., *checks a patient's heart rhythm strip at the Creek Nation Community Hospital.*

Creek Nation Hospital's Monitored Room Tracks Patients' Heart and Health

When patients at Creek Nation Community Hospital have a condition warranting constant heart monitoring, they don't have to travel to Oklahoma City or Tulsa. The hospital's Monitored Room provides 24-hour heart monitoring via the St. Francis Remote Monitoring Network, as well as close monitoring for any critical care patient.

Remote monitoring allows heart rhythms of patients in Okemah to be watched around the clock by trained medical professionals including cardiologists in the central monitoring unit at St. Francis Hospital. Heart rhythms of cardiac patients are relayed to Tulsa through dedicated phone lines.

An abnormal heart rhythm, a possible warning sign of cardiac arrest, needs to be caught immediately to help the patient avoid damage to the heart muscle or even death.

Within moments after an abnormal heart rhythm is seen at St. Francis Hospital, an alarm will instantly alert the staff in Okemah. Emergency care can be given in seconds.

The two bed unit is in use 50-60 percent of the time, said Lou Hudson, R.N., charge nurse on the 7-3 shift. The system is also more efficient for Creek Nation Community Hospital in that a licensed nurse doesn't have to be in the room at all times. However, a nurse is required to oversee the room and watch the monitors at the nurses station for any irregularities in the heartbeat. The monitored room is located steps away from the nurses station.

Creek Nation Community Hospital nurses participated in courses enabling them to better care for the monitored patients. Throughout the year the Remote Monitoring Network visits CNCH providing backup and refresher courses.

Also part of the monitored room is a crash cart with emergency cardiac equipment, so necessary when a patient's condition worsens. A lifepak defibrilator may be used to stimulate a patient's heart back to a normal pattern. Additionally, an automated blood pressure monitor, also used throughout the hospital, is available to benefit patients.

CN Ambulatory Care Committee Links Clinics

OKEMAH-Working together toward common goals are the Indian clinics located in Okemah, Eufaula and Sapula. Yet another link between the three clinics is a new concept called the Creek Nation Ambulatory Care Committee.

The committee was formed in the fall of 1987 with the idea of bringing the three clinics together to coordinate services. The group meets quarterly with the goal of providing standardization of care and uniformity of services.

Geneva Harris, R.N., FNP, is the clinic coordinator at Okemah, said the first meeting was highly beneficial for the attendees.

"We didn't know each other, yet we all do basically the same work," Harris said. "That means we share the same problems and successes. The committee enables us to work as a cohesive group serving the welfare of the Indian community."

The first meeting was attended by representatives from all three clinics, Creek Nation Community Hospital, and the Muscogee (Creek) Nation complex. The focus was an organization of the committee. The second meeting included presentation of general information and idea sharing, followed by chart review of diabetic patients.

Each clinic brought a designated number of charts for diabetic patients. The charts were then reviewed by other cities to make sure each group was following proper procedures.

"It was a real learning experience for all of us," Harris remembered. The clinics follow Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals and Indian Health Services guidelines, making sure all patients receive the same high standards of care. She went on to say that suggestions for changes and improvements were made that will be implemented by the clinics.

Future quarterly meetings of the committee are planned. Meetings will include information of interest to all participants, followed chart review in such areas as prenatal, hypertension,and pediatrics.

"The idea of qualified staff in the clinics reviewing our charts is a good one," Harris pointed out. "We can all learn from each other, share ideas,and improve our service to the Indian population."

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Do you have bad breath?

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IN OPERATION. . .

went to Sacramento State and received a teaching degree and went into coaching. He spent nine years at the high school level and ten years at the community college level.

Hammer explained, in terms of rewards, his involvement with CARES - "a lot of personal satisfaction · because they (competitors) were calling CARES "that Indian thing," and now they aren't laughing anymore!" Hammer said that the dealer network that would not give any credibility to CARES from "day one," were now standing in line. Hammer further pointed out - "With the credibility and financial backing the Creek Nation has, the Athletic Helmets Incorporated and Ridell (the second major helmet remanufacturer in the nation) are going to give us credibility as the only reconditioning plant they will provide supplies and parts to."

Marshall Hardin, who was born and raised in Okemah and who has worked for a major oil company overseas, gave credit to Hammer for the success of CARES - "He is the key to our success, he knows all about this equipment and what goes into the safety aspect and he has the interest in it - it is definitely success due to Mr. Hammer." Hardin feels CARES has been a total success, laughingly saying he doen't know how they will handle the overflow.

The plant management and nine employees are Creek; Project Consultant, Mike Hammer, Project Supervisor Marshall Hardin, independent contractor Gary Hardin and employees, Judy Roberts, Roy Roberts, Van Hardin, Rick Bevenue, Winston Postoak, Nancy Watson and Betsy Tiger.

***NANCY WATSON** is shown cleaning the protective parts of the helmets. This process includes reconditioning and recertification - disassembly, sanitizing, checking the shell for cracks, pads, installing new hardware as needed, reassembly, polishing and finally, recertifying the helmets.*

***JUDY ROBERTS** is hard at work on sewing up the bags that are used to ship supplies.*

***VAN HARDIN** is shown working on the "bladders" or protective parts of the helmet.*

Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women News—

NOTE: We are sad to report that Ethel Torres, who had faithfully written the OFIW news, passed away in Okemah, Friday, February 12. She will be greatly missed by everyone who knew her. This is the last OFIW report she filed with the MNN.

The "Winter Skies" Fashion Show was held in Kirkpatrick Center-Hall of Fame, Oklahoma City by Indian Fashion Designers and sponsored by the Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women.

Shirley Wapskineh, president of the Federation gave the welcoming address. The "Lords Prayer" was sung by Randall Tsotigh and given in sign language by Gwendolyn Watson. "Miss Indian Tulsa" Konya Foreman sang 2 lovely songs.

Lesta Oliver - the Fashion coordinator is herself a designer of Indian fashions. Models of the colorful and beautiful designs were former Miss Indian Oklahomans, princesses of various tribes, 1987 "Jr. Miss Indian Oklahoma", Traci Hart, and 1987 "Miss Indian Oklahoma", Christina Hart.

Following a salad bar luncheon door prizes of Indian paintings and attractive pottery were given to lucky winners.

Next on the agenda is the 1988 Miss Indian Oklahoma Contest. Contestants are urged to apply now with the winner being announced at the annual pow-wow sponsored by the Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women on Saturday March 26, 1988 at OCU's Fredrickson Field House.

Eight new members have joined the Federation recently. Any Indian women interested in service to her fellowman is encouraged to join this Federation.

Ethel as a Federation representative, also presented Mr. Mike Lambeth, teacher in Okemah High School his honor award as Humanitarian of 1986 for aid to Indian students. The award and an Eagle Feather lapel pin were presented at the school in the presence of his wife.

Dr. Margaret Nelson, English Professor at Oklahoma State, Stillwater has done an excellent job in writing a new constitution for the Federation.

It is the time of year when nominations of awards are open for Achievement, Humanitarian, Service Indian Mother of the Year. Decisions will be made in spring. Because of inactivity in different phases of the oganization, the 1986 Award recipients were notified but not awarded. James Fife was recently presented with the framed certificate award honor his deceased wife, Carmen as, 1986 Indian Mother of the Year, during the noon hour at the Dustin Community Center/

Quarterly Meeting of the Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women-March 5 at the Muscogee Indian Community Center

Morning Star Solicits Sponsors For Confined Native Americans

Rev. Adrian Jacobs, (left) from Ontario, Canada, was able to attend services with Morning Star at Stringtown Correctional Center, where he ministered in word and prayer.

With the prison ministry being Morning Stars foremost field of evangelism, in working as volunteers in the Oklahoma Department of Corrections Chaplaining Program, we help meet the spiritual needs of those incarcerated.

Being in this area of ministry for nearly four years, we are able to see some of the needs of our Native American people. A need that stands out is that of Sponsors for their Indian Clubs, to help them retain their Native American culture through songs, dances, stories and crafts. Many of those incarcerated are trying to hold on to what they know and can remember of their heritage. Some are not at all familiar with the ways and traditions of their tribe and are seeking information in that area, as well as wanting to keep up with what is happening among the Indians on the out-side, through current events.

Each institution is a little different in their operation. Depending on their status, whether maximum, medium or minimal. Each institution does allow the Native American inmates to form their own club and to meet regularly. This is a time when as one inmate said, "it's a time when we can get together and just be Indians for awhile", expressing the need for wanting to keep his identity in such a regulated and confined environment.

Some of our people, find it very discouraging when none of their family comes on visiting day, even sadder is the thought that they are unable to visit due to lack of transportation.

We do want the public to know that there are Native Americans in confinement who do have needs. If anyone is interested in being a sponsor for a Native American Indian Club, please contact the institution located near them. Anyone volunteering to sponsor a club will not be associated with Morning Star, but they will work directly with the Department of Corrections. They must realize that they are under the authority of the institution, attend an orientation meeting and adhere to all rule and regulations of that institution.

Morning Star has been invited several times to be the guest of Indian clubs, to fellowship and share with them. Their need for support clearly stands out. Recently we received a letter from a woman at the Jess Dunn Correctional Center in Taft, Ok. expressing the need for support.

Dear Brother Negiel,

I am writing this letter in request of your assistance in supporting us as a sponsor for a newly formed Indian Club here at J.D.C.C.

We have many Indian men and women who have stressed the desire to attend Indian church services and be a part of our own traditional customs.

Today we submitted a proposal to form this Club and we do have verbal approval but we need outside sponsors. Perhaps if you're unable to do this for us, you might refer us to someone who would be willing to dedicate a few hours to helping these Indian men and women revive and sustain their tribal heritage.

Being volunteers in the D.O.C. Chaplaining Program we are unable to participate as sponsors for these clubs.

The Native American population are very appreciative when a group such as Morning Star comes into the centers, even though they might not participate in the Chapel services, they do come because we are an Indian group reaching out to them. This appreciation has been expressed by the presentation of several Awards given to Morning Star from the Native American Indian Clubs and the D.O.C. Chaplaining Program for our participation with the inmates.

In January, Rev. Adrian and Tina Jacobs from the Cayuga tribe of Six Nations in Ontario, Canada were able to be with us and participate at a service at Mac Allen Correctional Center, Stringtown, Ok. They were appreciative of the opportunity to experience this field of evangelism.

Obviously, D.O.C. volunteer work is not for everyone, to many people it is in fact most unattractive. Yet for someone who is willing to share what they have and to present a positive attitude to enrich the lives of others, volunteer work in a correctional center can be very rewarding.

For more information write: Morning Star Outreach, P.O. Box 97, Bixby, OK. 74008.

Gospel Singing. . .

Gospel singing and Indian taco sale to benefit the Brush Arbor.

Come and listen to some good gospel singing at the Calvary Faith Church in Henryetta. Beginning at 7:00 p.m. on March 19, 1988. (Across from In and Out Drive-in or 1 1/2 blk from the railroad on east main.

Letter from Evangelist Ernest Best. . .

"But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan; thou art an offense unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men." Matt. 16:23

"If any man come afterme, and hate not...his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. And whosoever doth not bear his own cross cannot be my disciple. For which of you intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it mock him. Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish." Luke 14:26-29

"No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon." Luke 16:13

The world, in all it's subtitly creeps not only into the church, but also into our personal lives if we aren't continually on guard. It is like termites that undermine the foundation of a structure. It continually throws a barrage of propaganda, telling us that we can be better, live better, be more loved, more attractive, more successful, etc., if we confrom to it's standards. It tells us WE DESERVE it. We begin to believe just that. The world has so much to offer and WE don't want to miss it. Yet, the scripture says, "Make no provisions for the flesh, that we may fulfill the lusts thereof."

This campaign to throw allegiance to self and away from our Lord is subtle. It seeps into our lives into our lives. It is an insidious, treacherous, evil. We can't serve two masters, whether it be self, materialism, money, or the world. Because our desires to serve two masters tears our loyalities, we would be continually frustrated, unable to live a victorious life, or to be effective in anything. We certainly would not have the strength within ourselves to go on trying to serve God. He could not bless us with His power, because of the lack of a good Christian testimony. We would be making a mockery of Christianity.

The only answer is to totally surrender our lives to the Lord. Quit "straddling the fence." "Fence straddlers" are the most unhappy people in the world. Sell out to the Lord and he will give you life, and that more abundantly.

The first week of January, Bennie and I attended a Bible Conference at Hebron Baptist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas, where I shared our ministry and preached. I also showed slides of our work and preached in Faith Indian Baptist Church, Dustin, Oklahoma, challenging them concerning the spiritual needs of the reservation Indians.

I preached three services in our own church while our pastor was away, and one service in Calvary Baptist Church, here at Eufaula. I spent one week preaching and teaching in Riverside Indian Baptist Church, near Shawnee, Oklahoma. Jerry taught the children and furnished the music for the services.

Though the work among our Indian people is slow and hard, it is a wonderful blessing to see the Lord work in their hearts.

Please pray for us as we start back in reservation work this month. Pray also for our health. We have the flu for quite some time and haven't been able to get rid of it. Thank you so much for your prayers and your financial support.

Your missionaries to the
North American Indians
Brother Ernest, Bennie & Jerry Best

Tammy Bigpond

Tonya Bigpond

Bigponds Receive Scholastic Awards

Tammy Bigpond 5th grade student at Liberty Mounds is the grade school spelling bee runner up. She was the champion speller in the fifth grade class and earned runner up in the over all classes. In November, she was selected as student of the month. Her twin sister Tonya, was one of the five finalist in the spelling bee and was also chosen as student of the month in December.

Both girls play basketball for Liberty, have been on the principal's honor roll, and are working toward perfect attendance records. If successful, Tammy will have a three year perfect attendance and Tonya will have a six year perfect attendance.

They are the daughters of Negiel and Jan Bigpond and granddaugthers of Lilly Cox and Rev. Roy J. Bigpond.

FARRON CULLEY IS SWORN IN AS A MEMBER OF THE MASON SCHOOL BOARD *by President of the School Board, Donald York.*

Culley is Elected to Mason School Board

By Rita Williams

"The Indians are getting together we're getting our voting cards and you guys are going to be out, one-by-one!" said Farron Culley, Creek spokesman for the Mason Indians, directed at three non-Indian board members during a Mason School board meeting held March 3, 1986.

Its been two years since the school board voted with a 3-2 vote not to rehire School Superintendent Dale Smart by reasons still unknown to the community.

Mr. Smart had gained the confidence and respect with the Indian students and their families over the fourteen years he had been there. Not only were they losing a friend but a superintendent who understood that without the Indians and federal programs the school could not have afforded most of its educational materials. The Indian students make up 30% of Mason's enrollment.

Unsatisfied with the boards decision the concerned parents wanted to have a grand jury investigation of the three board members so they circulated a petition. The courts called a few Creek citizens who had signed the petition for questioning on the witness stand. But those called were the full blood Creek speaking elders who could not articulate in English so the Judge threw it out of court stating, "The Indians did not know anything about what they signed." "They made our elders look foolish," stated Geneva Douglas, Indian student counselor, "It looked like they were picked for that reason. The state department and the grand jury made a decision that the community had to solve their own problems so we just stayed together Indians and non-Indians and started voting them out. We have two more to go yet."

And voting them out is exactly what they are doing. When school board election time came the Indians of Mason remembered what they echoed in the auditorium the night of March 3, and rallied together Indians and non-Indians to run their man, Farron Culley against Charles Unterkircher, one of the three opposing Superintendent Smart.

During the campaign remarks were being made such as, "Them Indians should not be allowed to vote"-It should be against the state law for an Indian to be on the school board"-Them Indians really think they are doing something by running one of their own." Threats were made to Indians who were picking pecans on the property of Unterkirchers brother-in—law's place (Culleys opponent). "They came to me and said he had threatened to not let them pick pecans if they voted for me," said Culley, but they came through on election, they finally stood up for what they believed in."

"Our vote can make a difference," he said. "About five years ago there were 111 people voting in school elections. In this election we had 380 to vote. We knew the other side had been out working, but we also knew if we stuck together we had a chance. The results of the election came when we were having a ballgame. After they announced I had won you should have seen the proud looks on the Indians faces."

"The first one I thanked was the Lord for giving me the opportunity to represent the Indians and by the majority I won. I appreciate the Indian people getting out and voting. The non-Indians supported me as well in a joint effort to work for the same cause."

Non-Indian school board members Floyd Dennis and Bobby Gormly expressed the need for an Indian on the board and the reasons they backed Culley.

"We felt that Farron would represent the people equally. The majority of the board hasn't been, it's been personal and now all we want to do is get the school back on its feet."

Culley won by 73 votes. He had 230 votes to Charles Unterkirchers 157.

February 1, 1988, Mr. Culley was administered his oath to office. And on this night the school board voted to hire their first High School Creek Indian Principal, Rick Harjo.

All because a group of Indians decided to stick together for a cause worth fighting for and got out their voting cards are they beginning to turn things around for their good.

Farron 31, is married to Irene Culley. They have 5 children. His parents are Paul and Lorene Culley.

Staff Hired for "Calling All Kids" Program

"Calling All Kids," the recently-funded alcohol and drug abuse prevention, treatment and rehabilitation program of the Sac and Fox Nation, has hired its staff and begun to plan specific activities and objectives. The program, intended for all ages from 3 to 21 and for Indians and non-Indians within the Sac and Fox and Kickapoo area, was funded for one year and provisionally for two additional years.

The program was one of ony 131, out of 893 applicants, funded nationwide by the Federal Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Administration. The three year grant award was for $637,153.

The five professionals on staff include the program director, two part-time consultants, a master's degree-level counselor/prevention worker and a bachelor's degree-level counselor prevention worker. A secretary/data entry clerk will be selected soon.

The new program director is Leslie McKee, a licensed Professional Counselor who served as chemical dependency counselor for Black Hawk Health Center at the Sac and Fox Nation from 1984 to 1987. She received her master's degree from Pittsburg State University in Kansas in 1980 and worked as chemical dependency counselor and aftercare coordinator since that time. Ms. McKee is of Choctaw descent and is a native Oklahoman.

Dr. Carol N. Conner, one of the two part-time consultants for the program, received both her master's and doctorate degrees from Oklahoma State University in 1975 and 1981. She worked as a program director and consultant for several American Indian mental health programs in Washington and New Mexico. She also served as a consultant for a multi-ethnic health consortium in Seattle and as a consultant for a community health center in Kansas. She is a native Oklahoman.

Dr. Joe Conner, who also serves as a part-time consultant for the new program, received his master's and doctorate degrees from Oklahoma State University in 1975 and 1977. He worked as a mental health program director for the U.S. Public Health Service-Indian Health Service in Oklahoma, Washington and New Mexico. He also served as director of medical psychology at the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Seattle and as an instructor at the University of Washington School of Medicine. He was a consultant for the Indian Health Service and for a community health center in Kansas. Dr. Conner is a member of the Osage Nation.

The Master's degree-level counselor/prevention worker is Jo Anna Wade Coser. She was granted her degree from Oklahoma State University in 1987. She worked as a substitute teacher in the Stillwater school system and in other positions serving Native Americans. Mrs. Coser is a member of the Choctaw Nation.

Gladys Haikey is the bachelor degree-level counselor/prevention worker. She was awarded her degree in 1975 by the University of California at Los Angeles. She completed the chemical dependency training program at the University of Oklahoma and worked as a drug prevention student advisor and a Headstart teacher. Mrs. Haikey is a member of the Creek Nation.

The "Calling All Kids"staff is now in the process of planning both the service component, including prevention, treatment and rehabilitation; and the evaluation component, including surveys and data collection. Both service and evaluation components are part of the grant. Although specific program activities have not been formalized, interested parents, teens or young adults may call 918-968-3526 and ask for "Calling All Kids." A program member will take your name, address, age and a brief note will be made of your interest.

McKee said that when the counseling staff is oriented and specific activities are underway, the program will contact the callers. She also said program activities will be announced by local newspapers and health care facilities in the area.

NAPA 4th Annual Conference March 17-19

A panel of Native American journalists will discuss freedom of the press issues in Indian country during the 4th Annual Native American Press Association Conference set for March 17, 18 and 19 at the Regency Hotel in Denver, CO. The theme of the conference is "Journalism: A Profession for Indian People."

At the conference workshops are scheduled in the following areas; news writing, layout and design, newspaper editing, photojournalism, feature writing, editorial writing, radio and video production, and production fundraising. The conference is co-sponsored by the University of Colorado's School of Journalism, Boulder, Co; Alaska Native News Network, and the Native American Public Broadcasters Consortium, Lincoln, Neb.

An Awards Luncheon is planned to honor Indian country's best writers, reporters and newspapers. Scholarships will be awarded to outstanding high school senior and undergraduate journalism students.

Native American journalists from across the United States and Canada are expected to attend the three-day event. The conference is being held during the dates of the Denver March Pow-Wow, an annual event that hosts tribes from across the nation.

For more information, write or call Susan Arkeketa, conference chair, 303-447-8760.

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Winning Logo Selected for '88 NIEA Conference-

ED PARISIAN, PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL INDIAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (NIEA) *congratulates recently graduated Navajo student, Andy Watch from Lupton, Arizona, at a student recognition luncheon held in Tulsa, January 23. Andy won 1st Place in a logo contest sponsored by the NIEA Tulsa '88 Steering Committee for the upcoming 20th Annual Constitutional Conference. The logo and theme, "Indian Youth- Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow" will be used extensively in promoting this year's conference.*

The National Indian Education Association (NIEA) Board of Directors met in Tulsa, January 22-24 for their quarterly meeting and to confirm plans with the NIEA Tulsa '88 Steering Committee for the organization's 20th Annual Conference to be held November 13-17 in Tulsa.

A luncheon was held Saturday, January 23 to recognize students who had entered a logo contest sponsored by the Tulsa planning committee. The first place award went to Andy Watch from Lupton, Arizona. Andy is recently graduated from Ft. Wingate High School, New Mexico.

Last summer, Andy attended the American Indian Research and Development's (AIRD) Exploration in Creativity II Camp at Riverside Indian School in Anadarko where he became very popular with his marker designed, hand-colored t-shirts.

According to Knokovtee Scott, AIRD'S director of Project IMAGE, "Andy is an exceptional student in art. He works quickly and can finish a detailed colored pencil drawing in less than an hour." Scott also noted that Andy works directly, without sketching or preplanning on the drawing surface.

While at the summer camp, Andy appeared in several student video productions sharing his native language and his personal style of quick humor. Andy's abilities and talents are a source of pride for American Indian educators. He has applied to Gateway Community College in Arizona, but will travel around with his cousin for awhile selling Navajo jewelery. Since his plans are not yet fixed, he may also consider the Institute of American Indian Art in Santa Fe as a possible school for the fall.

Andy's winning logo depicts two crossed eagle feathers with an eagle head and a buffalo in the background. Blending traditional and contemporary images, he has included two Indian youth, one in repose and the other with uplifted hands in quest of knowledge. He incorporated a calligraphic style lettering for the theme, "Indian Youth...Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow." This logo will be used extensively to promote the upcoming Tulsa conference which is expected to draw an estimated 4,000 participants.

The Oklahoma Council for Indian Education (OCIE) began planning five years ago for the Tulsa located 20th Annual Constitutional Conference. They have solicited the assistance of the state's most outstanding educators and administrators in the detailed conference activities which will be centered around student participation throughout the agenda.

The National Indian Education Association was chartered as a non-profit organization in 1970. The organization is governed by a fifteen member, all-Indian Board of Directors who represent a diversified tribal and geographic background.

The annual NIEA conference registration is open to anyone wishing to attend. President Parisian stated that he felt NIEA has the greatest potential of any education organization of being the major advocate of Indian education in this country, as Indian education faces many major obstacles in the coming years. The mandated responsibility of NIEA is designing and supporting specifically formulated policies and programs that will lead to the achievement of improved accessible opportunities in all areas of Indian education.

20TH ANNUAL NIEA CONFERENCE

November 13-17

Tulsa Convention Center

BRUCE WARRINGTON DISPLAYS AN HONORABLE MENTION AWARD*with the help of his Mom, Phyllis Warrington. The award was received for his entry in a logo contest sponsored by Oklahoma Council for Indian Education that will use the theme "Indian Youth- Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow" for the upcoming NIEA conference scheduled in Tulsa. Bruce's entry depicted the wisdom gained through knowledge in the Creek traditional form of an owl. Bruce, 14, attends Sapulpa Junior High. He is a 9th grade, 6' 2" member of the school's basketball squad. Phyllis is employed with the Tulsa Public School's Indian Education Program.*

National Conference at OU to Focus on Racial, Ethnic Relations in Higher Ed

NORMAN—The first national conference on racial and ethnic relations in higher education will be held April 26 through 28 at the University of Oklahoma.

Sponsored by the Southwest Center for Human Relations Studies at OU, "The National Conference on Racial and Ethnic Relations in American Higher Education," will be at the Oklahoma Center for Continuing Education, 1700 Asp Ave., in Norman.

The conference is targeted toward higher education administrative officers and administrators in the various service areas within the universities such as student housing, student affairs, admissions, recruitment and financial aid. Also participating will be faculty and student leaders.

"The purpose of this conference will be to assess racial and ethnic relations in American higher education and provide information on approaches and programs capable of both lessening campus conflict and enhancing the positive outcomes that can result from increasing cultural diversity on college and university campuses," said Margaret Abudu Green,executive director of the Southwest Center for Human Relations Studies at OU.

"Over the past year and a half, there has been a growing incidence of racial and ethnic conflict and intolerance on college and university campuses," Green continued. "A number of prominent institutions have experienced incidents serious enough to have been reported in the national media."

Green further noted that rapidly changing demographics indicate that the student populations on college campuses will become increasingly diverse over the coming decades.

"Because of the profound impact these changing demographics will have on institutions of higher education, there is a great need for a forum where administrators, faculty and student leaders concerned about cultural diversity can exchange ideas and information on approaches that can help higher education respond effectively to this situation," she noted.

The three-day conference will feature: A keynote address by Frederick A. Hurst, commissioner of the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination; A presentation of case studies of campus conflict from six selected schools around the country; An address on "The Changing Demographics of Minority Group Populations and Their Effects on American Higher Education," by Harold L. Hodgkinson, senior fellow, American Council on Education, Washington, D.C.; A series of practical "how-to" workshops dealing with a wide range of topics affecting the quality of student life, the educational process and racial and ethnic relations on campus. An address by Alfonso Ortiz, professor of social and cultural anthropology at the University of New Mexico, titled "Beneath and Beyond the Incidents of Intolerance to Diversity on Campus: The Attitudinal Factor", A special performance of "The Halls of Ivory," a play by Oklahoma playwright Jim Vance that chronicles the early legal battles surrounding the desegregation of OU; A closing address by nationally recognized Chicano novelist R.R. Hinojos Smith, Ellen Clayton Garwood professor of creative writing at the Univesity of Texas at Austin.

Registration for the conference is $195, which includes all conference materials and special events. All conference registrations must be prepaid. Since registration will be limited to 500 participants, people are being encourage to register early.

To register, people can contact OU Central Registration Services, 1700 Asp, Ave., Norman, Ok 73037; telephone 405/325-2248, or the toll-free number in Oklahoma, 1/800-522-0755.

More information about the conference is available from the Southwest Center for Human Relations Studies, 555 Constitution Ave., Suite 141, Norman, OK 73037; telephone 405/325-3936.

Visiting Professor at OU To Teach on American Indian History and Culture

An historian who has done extensive research and writing on American Indians is serving as a visiting professor of history at the University of Oklahoma this spring semester.

William T. Hagan, who is Distinguished Professor of History at the State University of New York College of Fredonia, is teaching an upper division course on American Indians. He also will present two public lectures concerning Theodore Roosevelt and his administration's policy on American Indians--the subject of Hagan's latest manuscript. The dates for the lectures have not been scheduled yet.

A native of West Virginia, Hagan received his bachelor's degree from Marshall University and his doctoral degree from the University of Wisconsin. His doctoral dissertation on the Sac and Fox Indians was expanded into his first book, "The Sac and Fox Indians," published by the OU Press.

Hagan has taught at North Texas State University and has been at SUNY since 1965.

Hagan has been president of the Western History Association and the American Society of Ethnohistory.

Among Hagan' other work are "American Indians," "Indian Police and Judges," "The Indian in American History," "Black Hawk's Route Through Wisconsin," "Longhouse Diplomacy and Frontier Warfare," "United States-Comanche Relations" and "The Indian Rights Association," in addition to many articles and book chapters.

Youth Should Have Key Role in Tribal Affairs

Native Americans, always aware of their past and proud of their culture, are being urged to look with the help of those who will be the leaders then.

But so far, it has been a war of small victories as UNITY, the United National Indian Tribal Youth, tries to broaden the bounds of tradition to bring young tribal members into the policy-making process.

"Indian youths are just like Rodney Dangerfield-they don't get no respect," said J.R. Cook, founder, president and executive director of UNITY.

"But steps have to be taken to ensure that the youths and their views become known." Cook said.

"Periodically, the tribal government should allocate some time to listen to the youths, to see what's on the minds of the youths, to see what they might share. Get the youths involved in building the community and building the tribe.

"The tribe can only become stronger."

And, said Cook, if it has a tribal tradition that youths are kept on the outside, "I think it is a tradition that needs to be a new tradition...A person can't wait until they're 35 or 40 and then decide it's time to get involved in the tribal government. Somewhere, youths have to learn...

"Too many people have been living in the past and not preparing for the future."

UNITY is participating in the national Youth 2000 program, which is designated to help youths achieve social and economic self-sufficiency and to fulfill their potential as viable, contributing members of their communities by the turn of the century.

Cook said UNITY has received a first-year, $110,000 federal matching grant to carry out its part of the Youth 2000 program.

UNITY has been successful in helping create youth councils on the Wind River Reservation in Wyoming and with the Northern Utes in Utah, Cook envisions these youth councils spreading to other tribes to provide youth "an active, non-partisan voice in tribal affairs."

"I think that in most traditional cultures, the elderly have always been the most revered and respected in the tribes," said Darrell Mease, 28, a medical student president of UNITY's council of trustees. "There are a lot of traditions that have to change, and are changing."

One tradition that is changing is the emergence of Indian women into roles that traditionally had been occupied by men, Mease said. He said a large percentage of the members of the Native American Medical Student Association "now are women. Even some of the women are single parents, going to medical school and trying to raise a child."

Cook said that while it is imperative that the tradition of respecting elders must not be abandoned, "just as importantly there should be respect for youth. The youth, to a big extent, feel alienated, some sense of hopelessness, and in very few instances have youth been invited to participate. Maybe that's part of the problem."

Glenpool Elementary Spelling Champion

5th grader Mac Dowdy is Glenpool Elementary School Spelling Bee Champion. The two words that clinched the championship were EARNEST and FACTUAL. He goes on to compete in the Tulsa County Spelling Bee. Mac along with his sons of Bill and Bernadine (Jones) Dowdy. Grandmothers are Dorothy Stevens and the late Carole Jacobs. The boys are Choctaw, Creek-Euchee.

Congratulations Mac and Jeremy.

Creek Student in All-State Music Festival in OKC

Melissa Lynn (Missy) Fleming, daughter of Karla and Jerry Fleming, Sapulpa participated in the Oklahoma Music Educators Association All-State Festival in Oklahoma City on January 28-30.

Missy is a three year member of the All-State Band. She played snare drum and accessory percussion her first year and was first chair mallet player her junior and senior years. She is a member of the Sapulpa High School Band and Jazz Band and has been a member of All District Honor Bands for five years. She is a senior at Sapulpa High School.

Missy is the granddaughter of Mannie Wiley of Sapulpa and the great-granddaughter of the late Melissa Kanard Wiley.

—OBITUARIES—

LUCILLE BUNNY

Mrs. Lucille Bunny, 68 years old resident of Henryetta died January 27. She was born April 16, 1919 in Dustin. Funeral services were held February 1 at the Thewarle Indian Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James on February 20, 1983. She attended the Thewarle Indian Baptist Church.

She is survived by three sons, Robert Mendoza of East Port, Maine, Durango Mendoza of Oak Park, Ill. and Gaines R. Bunny of Henryetta; four daughters, Margo Smith of Woodville, Al., Elizabeth Ingram of Henryetta, Roselynn Frye of Tulsa, and Marion Frye of Del City, Ok.; three sisters, Lovella Bruner of Dustin, Mary Colbert of Seminole and Eula Smith of Tulsa and 21 grandchildren.

CECELIA ANN JOHNSON

Graveside services for Cecelia Ann Noblin Johnson, 86, were held February 1 at Salt Creek Cemetery with Rev. Arnetta Owens officiating.

Mrs. Johnson, was born August 20, 1901 in Jefferson County, Mo. died January 28. She was a member of Silver Springs Baptist Church.

Survivors include three nieces, Maggie Holman of Bryant, Eva Peterson of Henryetta, and Wanda Cantrell of Tulsa; and two nephews, James Baker, Henryetta and Johnny Maben of Rolla, MO.

ELIZABETH TARPALECHEE

Elizabeth Tarpalechee, 65 year old native of Okmulgee County, died January 30 in Okmulgee.

Mrs. Tarpalechee was born June 16, 1922 in Sharp Community. She was a member of the Big Cussetah Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women's Association.

Wake services were held February 1 at the Buchanan Memorial Chapel with Rev. Thomas Long officiating. Funeral services were held February 2, in the Big Cussetah Methodist Church with Rev. Willie Gooden officiating.

Grandsons and son-in-laws served as pallbearers.

Survivors included her husband, Henry Tarpalechee of the home; two sons, Edward and Yarne Tarpalechee of Okmulgee; five daughters, Twyla Beaver, Henryetta; Cheryl Grayson, Beggs, Henrietta Jacobs, Tulsa; Tina Tarpalechee, Morris and Teresa Jennings, Okmulgee; one half-brother, Roman Kinard, Pauls Valley; one sister, Martha Berryhill, Oakland, CA; 20 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

DENNIS MICHAEL WILLIAMS

Dennis M. Williams, age 36, died February 11, at Muskogee Regional Medical Center.

He was born September 5, 1951 in St. Louis, MO. He was a Bio-Med Tech at Veterans Administration Medical Center in Muskogee.

Funeral services were conducted February 13 at the First Baptist Church in Checotah with Rev. Thompson Billy officiating.

Pallbearers were, Don Peel, Jerry Hamon, Verbon Williams, Ronnie Eller, Gene Jones, and Jesse Rhodes. Honorary Pallbearers were: Kermit Williams, Calvin Moore and Steve Gross.

Survivors include his wife, Pamela J. Hill Williams of the home; two sons Brett and Brent Williams of the home; one daughter, Brigett Williams of the home; his father, Bennie H. Williams of Muskogee; mother, Christene W. Mead of Oktaha; grandparents, John and Lula Goines of Onapa; four brothers, Bennie R. Williams of Muskogee, Garry Williams of Oktaha, Ronnie Williams of Muskogee, and Tom Croftchek of Keefeton; two sisters, Beverly Williams of Tahlequah, and Phyllis Williams of Muskogee; mother and father in-law, Gene and Joan Hill of Oktaha.

ROBERT PIGEON

Robert Pigeon, 67 year old resident of Dustin, died February 9 in Tulsa.

Mr. Pigeon was born June 4, 1920 in Hanna.

Services were held February 13 at the Trenton Indian Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Velma Pigeon of the home; eleven children, Tuffie and David Pigeon of Oklahoma City; Sonny Pigeon of Seminole; Esther Gray of Wewoka; Paul Pigeon of Dallas; Bobby Pigeon of Sulphur; Oscar Pigeon, Dennis Pigeon, Stella Pigeon, Lela Pigeon and Adam Pigeon all of Dustin; one sister, Lena Proctor of Hanna and one uncle.

JOSEPHINE HARJO

Funeral services for Josephine Harjo 32, were held February 10 at her home in Hanna.

Miss Harjo was born November, 5, 1955 in Oklahoma City, and died February 5, at Okemah. She was a resident of Hanna.

Survivors include her mother, Glayds Harjo of Hanna; four brothers, Samuel Harjo, Oklahoma City; Phillip, Nathaniel and Eugene Harjo all of Hanna; three sisters, Lillian Tiger, Oklahoma City, Louise Harjo, Davenport and Esther Billy of Hanna; and her maternal grandparents, Samuel and Alice Jackson of Vernon, OK.

EDWARD (BUCK) BURGESS

Edward Nolan (Buck) Burgess, 74, resident of Paradise, CA. died January 22.

Mr. Burgess was born January 27, 1913, in Schulter, Ok. Mr. Burgess was a member of the Muscogee/Creek Nation.

Graveside services were held January 29, at the West Lawn Cemetery in Henryetta.

Survivors include two sons, Eddie Burgess of Oklahoma and Edward Burgess of Anchorage, AK; three daughters, Edwanna Partian of La Puente, CA., Sandra LaVeau of Paradise, CA., and Mary Romelfanger of San Jose, CA.; three half-brothers, Scott Smith of Indianapolis, Ind., William Smith of Stockton, CA. and Hugh Smith of Clearwater, FA.; three half-sisters, Pauline Cook of Elmo, Mt., Betty Breeding of Granite, and Juanette Henry of Martinez, CA., 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

ETHEL M. TORRES

Funeral services for Ethel Mae, Torres, 65, of Weleetka were held at the Weleetka First Baptist Church with Revs. George Jesse, Frank Belvin and Grant Wyse officiating. Intement followed at the Robison Family Cemetery in Weleetka under the direction of Buckley-Williamson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Torres was born Dec. 21, 1922 in Weleetka and died Feb. 12 in Okemah. She married Joseph Torres in 1945 and they made their home in southern California until his death in 1968. She was also preceded in death by one daughter, Dorothy Torres in 1963, and two sisters and two brothers.

Survivors include son, Michael Torres of Guthrie; daughters, Donna Campbell of North Hollywood, Calif., and Barbara Almstead of Bellevue, Wash; brother, Charles Ray Coleman of Van Nuys, Calif; sisters, Mildred Apple of Bethany and Dorothy Burden of Weleetka; eight grandchildren and eight neices and nephews.

WILLIE BEN

Wille Ben, 56 year old resident of Weleetka died at his home on February 7. Mr. Ben was born April 12, 1931 and was a member of the Hutchachuppa Indian Baptist Church.

He was survived by three nieces, Susie Reeder of Midwest City; Helen Tiger of Weleetka and Jenetta Harjo of Colorado Springs, CO.; and one nephew, George Davis of Oakland, CA.

Services were held February 10, at the Hutchachuppa Indian Baptist Church.

BILLY FIXICO

Services will be held Thursday, Feb. 18, for Billy Fixico at 1:30 p.m. at Prairie Springs Church with Rev. Joe Smith officiating. He died Feb. 15 at the Creek Nation Community Hospital at the age of 53.

He was born February 22, 1934 in Okfuskee County.

Survivors include his wife, Serida Hicks Fixico, of the home; seven children, Myron Fixico, Manuel Fixico, Alan Fixico, Curtis Fixico, Scotty Fixico, William Fixico, Jr., and Tracy Fixico, all of Okemah; his mother, Mattie Fixico, Castle; brothers and sisters, Jeanetta Smith, Sandy Fixico, Benny Fixico, Richard Fixico, Lloyd and Kenneth Fixico, all of Okemah, Edith Baney, Heartsville, Missiouri, Arthur Fixico, Altus and Jimmy Fixico, Sacramento, Calif.; three grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

Interment was held in the Prairie Springs Church Cemetery under the direction of Webbs Funeral Service.

ALBERT THOMAS

Services were set for Albert Thomas, 74, who died Feb. 4 at the local hospital.

Mr. Thomas, who was born Jan. 1, 1914 in Hughes County, OK, was employed by the Creek Nation. He moved to Okmulgee from Dallas 15 years ago. He was a member of the Salt Creek Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by a son John Thomas.

Evening services were held at 7 p.m., Saturday in the Buchanan Memorial Chapel with Rev. B. Frank Belvin officiating.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb 8 in the Salt Creek Indian Baptist Church at Wetumka.

Survivors include his wife, Bernice Thomas of the home in Okmulgee; two sons, John Nelson Thomas, Red Oak, Texas and Loy David Thomas, Dallas, Texas; four daughter, Peggy Lyda, Carolyn S. Thomas, Lois R. Thomas and Reba J. Thomas, all of Okmulgee; two half brothers, Ray Thomas of Tulsa; two half sisters, Millie Little of Cromwell and Emilie Butler, Wetumka; 14 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

JOHN K. DEERINGWATER

Services for John Deeringwater 47, of Mesa, Arizona was held at 10:30 am January 18, 1988 at VAH—KI Presbyterian Church on the Gila River Indian Reservation, Casa Blanca, Arizona, with Rev. Joe Smith officiating.

Mr. Deeringwater was born March 17, 1940 in Braggs, Okla, he moved to Okemah with his parents Henry and Louise Deeringwater in 1946 then later moved to Mesa, Arizona where he made his home for many years.

He died Tuesday Jan. 12 1988 at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Phoenix, Arizona.

He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran. Survivors include his wife, Richenda Milda Deeringwater, one son; Johnny Ray,two daughters; Cindy Kay and Linda Tarness all of the home, three brothers; Alex Deeringwater of Bristow, Okla, George Lee Deeringwater of Show Low, Arizona and sisters Susanna Bear, Rosalie Deeringwater of Okemah, Okla and Lavena Pearson of Stilwell,Okla; one Aunt Susie Gammill of Okemah, Okla; and many friends, relatives, neices and nephews.

ZEAK PROCTOR

Zeak Proctor, Route 4, Holdenville, died at Wewoka Memorial hospital Thursday at the age of 74.

Services were held at 1:30 p.m. On a Monday at Salt Creek Indian Methodist Church. Burial was in the Holdenvill cemetery, under the direction of Hudson Funeral Home.

He was born in Hughes County Indian Territory Aug. 13, 1912, and lived in Hughes County all of his life. He was a member of Salt Creek Indian Methodist church, and was a great fan of gospel singing.

He was married to Ella Mae Joshua September, 1935 in Muskogee. She preceded him in death July 16, 1973. He was a retired produce manager and was a veteran of World War II.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, David and Shirley Proctor, Bartlesville; three grandchildren, James Proctor, Davina Proctor, both of Bartlesville, and Deon McDaniel, Moore.

One special dear and close friend, Anna Mae Walker, Seminole.

One daughter, Ruby Catherine Proctor, died in 1983. One brother Robert Proctor, died in March 1979.

—NOTE OF APPRECIATION—

Our sincere thanks and appreciation to Chief Cox, Perry Beaver and the Creek Nation staff for all your kind expressions of love and sympathy during our great loss of our beloved wife, mother, and grandmother. Your prayers, visits, flowers, food, and donations were very consoling.

Thank You,
The Family of Elizabeth Tarpalechee

Community Mourns Passing of Buck Burgess

By Rita Williams

Edward Nolan 'Buck' Burgess passed from this life, January 22, 1988 in Paradise, California.

Word of his death passed quickly throughout the Creek Nation. Senior citizens spoke about him as they gathered for their noon meal at the Creek Nation dining hall. They talked about who he was and his relatives, what they remembered about him, and his people were bringing him home to be buried.

Buck's father was the famous Eddie Burgess, one time World's Champion Calf Roper and Hettie Henry Burgess whose father was a Creek Indian, cattleman and founder of Henryetta.

From the time Buck was born he possessed a strong spirit to survive and to overcome.

His grandmother Yannah Burgess raised him into childhood. When he was fourteen months old he became ill with scarlet fever and using herbs the Indian way, his grandmother nursed him to health. It is believed that as a result of this illness it left him with a hearing loss and speech impediment that normally would have isolated most people from living an ordinary life. But, Buck would learn to overcome and live a very extraordinary life.

When he was ten years old his father Eddie was killed at a rodeo in Cheyenne Wyoming, while competing in the Calf Roping event. His rope broke and his horse fell upon him, crushing him beneath.

According to his second wife, Pat Meddings, Buck often talked of his father and how he taught him to shoot the bow and arrow. Later Buck mastered archery as well, and became a marksman.

Many who knew him and were raised together while small, recall him as being a loner and shy. One of his cousins, Delilah Burgess Berryhill said, After I received word of Buck's death and the plans to bring him home, I layed on my bed that night and memories of our childhood years came back to me. There was always a bunch us Burgess's who played on Elephant Hill and ran the creeks. Buck would always be off somewhere by himself pulling up rocks and looking for snakes. He would always say, "They won't hurt you", I guess they never hurt him, he was never bit."

His love for the woods, nature and animals were always a part of him. It's even said that, one night he ventured to the woods and the next morning when they found him they learned he had slept the night in a tree.

His ability to handle snakes made room for his showmanship. Buck created his own dance as well as his costume using real eagle feathers and immaculate beadwork that showed the work of a craftsman.

Burgess is believed to have been the first and last of the snake dancers and performed many a season at the Nichols Park in Henryetta.

A conversation between two Indian ladies was overheard concerning Buck. It seems that one summer afternoon when he was on his way to perform at the park, a snake crossed his path, Buck dressed in his regalia, stopped the car, flew open the doors and began his chase. Some tourists were passing by and saw him, they stopped their cars to take pictures of him. I guess they thought they had a picture of a real Indian, they chuckled

Buck overcame many obstacles in his years. The fact that he was an Indian with a speech impediment was enough in itself, but his belief in himself and to perfect those things which concerned him was his driving force.

While in Oklahoma he traveled with the Johnny Guthrie show from Muskogee and performed in the Madison Square Garden and in Vicksburg Miss, before General Eisenhower.

He moved to California in 1945. At some point in time Buck would eventually join with a Wild West Show. Naomi Henry, who was Bucks Aunt said that he had a stage name, 'Chief Lone Eagle,' his manager was Jimmy Payne and assistant manager was an Acoma Indian by the name of Chief Yellowcorn. She spoke of the 'sixth sense' that he seemed to possess. "He knew things before they happened, but that was so like Buck. We learned to accept those things he said would happen. He knew of the death of his grandmother and mother before it was announced. When his mother died, he came to my house and told me, "My mother-she dead," I said, Oh no Buck she's not, who told you that? He said, "I talk to God-He told me." He always said, God talked to him and would tell him things. He taught us so many things and left us with so much in our hearts, that it's almost impossible to tell all.

According to those who knew him he was a remarkable man, not only because of his athletic ability and showmanship, but mainly because of the faith and fellowship he had in his Creator.

Buck accomplished many things before he died. Three years ago, at his written request witnessed by his daughter Sandra LeVean, his wish was to be brought home to Oklahoma to be buried and that his costume be placed in the Cowboy Hall of Fame. A symbol of his legacy to his people of whom he was so proud of.

Sandra LeVean, one of his daughters, spoke lovingly of her father. " The last time he would speak, he told me good-bye. He said, "Me no work no more"- I said, "No"? He said, "Pretty soon -me die-" My eyes watered, He said, "You no worry, understand?" I said, "Yes," He spoke, "Me, Okay,-you no worry-understand?" I nodded yes, "I love you." "When Dad passed away, I could hear the sound of drums that he used to dance to, in my ears. All the way back to Oklahoma they never ceased. When Dad was finally put to rest in the earth and I went back to the cemetery to bid a final goodbye, I noticed it had stopped.""Now it seems to me, that 'Chief Lone Eagle' is soaring with the rest of the eagles."

CREEK CHIEF CLAUDE COX SHAKES HANDS WITH FORMER CN DIRECTOR *Mark Downing, upon his resignation from Creek Nation to assume the position of executive director of special projects with the Cherokee Nation. Downing was given a Farewell Party last month at the Complex with staff and friends attending.*

Downing Takes Post at Cherokee Nation

A former executive with the Creek Nation has been named to a new position within his own tribe, Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Wilma Mankiller announced recently. Mark Downing, Cherokee tribal member, joined the Cherokee Nation staff February 1 as executive director in charge of special projects, Chief Mankiller said.

Downing, who was director of the community services division of the Creek Nation in Okmulgee for five years, will work directly with Chief Mankiller in a variety of areas. Among his responsibilities will be establishing a contracts department and developing an ethics commission for the Cherokee Nation. He will also help develop new initiatives for the tribe's social programs.

As head of community services for the Creek Nation, Downing oversaw management of a comprehensive health care system, including a 39-bed hospital and four outpatient clinics. He was responsible for the tribe's social services, including environmental services, housing, commodity distribution, elderly nutrition and community research and development.

He also spent a year as director of the Creeks' human services division. Downing had worked for the Creeks since 1974, except for one year when he headed the Cherokee Nation health department in 1980 before returning to work in Okmulgee.

A native of Henryetta, Downing is a graduate of Northeastern State University. He also holds a certificate in matrix management from the Wharton School of Business in Pennsylvania and is a member of the American Management Association.

Downing is the son of Leonard Downing of Tulsa and the late Wilma Downing. He is married to the former Sherry Masters of Tahlequah. They will continue to make their home in Muskogee with their three children.

Smithsonian Offers Internships to 40 Students—

The Smithsonian Institution is offering five-week internships to 40 students who will graduate from high school this year.

Seniors may apply for positions in various departments and offices in the Institution, in areas including archeology, biology, journalism, photography, history, veterinary science, art, carpentry, library science and computer science.

Students chosen for the program will receive a living allowance of $500.00. In addition to their duties as interns, the students will tour sites that many visitors to Washington, D.C., do not see, such as the Organization of American States and the World Bank. As part of the program, the interns will hold seminars to explain to the group both their assignments and the functions of the host office.

Acceptance is based not as much on academic achievement as on a demonstrated interest in a particular subject area or career; the program has been designed to enable students to pursue their special interests while working with museum professionals.

In addition to the living allowance, interns who come from outside the Washington area will receive housing in a nearby dormitory. The Institution will also provide their transportation to and from Washington. INTERN '88 will offer two separate sessions of the program:

- session one from June 5 through July 9
- session two from July 10 through August 13.

For an application and complete information, high school seniors should write to:

INTERN '88
Office of Elementary and Secondary Education
Arts & Industries Bldg. Rm 1163
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C. 20560

or call (voice) (202) 357-3049 or (Telecommunications Device for the Deaf) (202) 357-1696. Applications must be requested by March 14, and completed applications must be postmarked by March 18.

Scottsdale Pow-Wow & Arts Open Competition

Scottsdale Native American Indian Cultural Foundation, sponsor of the Scottsdale All-Indian Days Pow-Wow and Fine Arts and Crafts Open Competition, traditionally scheduled each Easter weekend, will again be held at Scottsdale Community College, Chaparral and Pima Roads, Scottsdale Arizona. The 1988 event will run from March 31 through April 3.

The goals, as set by the sponsor, for the Scottsdale All-Indian Fine Arts and Crafts Open Competition, are to develop the needs of the artists and to encourage their ambitions and education by giving them a professional environment to present their talents, gain recognition and win monetary prizes.

According to Fine Arts and Crafts Chairman John Christensen, Sac/Fox, Oklahoma, the call is out to all Indian artisans of North America and Canada whose works have been created within the past calendar year and not previously entered in competition.

"Last year we were elated that so many Native American newspapers throughout the country printed the information about our first show. Our board (SNAICF) gave them a large part of the credit for the overwhelming response from artisans and the event's subsequent success," said Christensen.

This year there will be 11 classifications: Painting, Sculpture, Kachina carvings, Textiles, Indian Culture, Baskets, Pottery, Beadwork, Jewelry, Miniatures and Photography.

Applications are now available for the 1988 event and may be requested by writing to Fine Arts and Crafts Chairman, Scottsdale Native American Indian Cultural Foundation, P.O. Box 8667, Scottsdale, AZ 85252 or calling 602-946-4228. (No collect calls can be accepted.)

This is the second year for this open competition. During the 1987 show, among the winners of 21 special awards, four artists,previously unknown to judges, won Best of Class and five native American artists were presented with Memorial Awards.

All of the entries in the 1988 Open Competition will be on display and for sale Friday, Saturday and Sunday,, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Scottsdale Community College, Student Activity Building. Tickets may be purchased at the door for $2.50.

The annual Invitational Preview of the Art Show, Thursday evening, March 31, 7:00 p.m., is free to all media, participating artists and members of the Foundation. The public may attend by purchasing a membership for $15.00 at the door.

A Silent Auction will again be held. This year, the original work has been especially created for the event by prominent Indian artist and architect, Dennis Numkena, Hopi, Moencopi, Arizona. His 28"x 28" oil painting is entitled "Dancing Spirits of the Fourth World." Two hundred numbered and signed offset prints, as well as 1,000 posters of the original oil painting, will also be available for sale, some as ready-to-mail gifts.

Dennis Numkena became internationally known overnight when his set of murals, crowning the Numkena-designed papal chair, were seen during the televised visit last September of Pope John Paul's meeting with Native Americans in Phoenix.

For the Pow-Wow Head Staff: Fred Snyder, Colville/Chipewa, Washington, is Chairman and Allen Pinkham, Nez Perce, Idaho, Coordinator. Masters of Ceremonies, Host, Rod Davis, Hopi/Choctaw/Navajo, Oraibi, AZ and guest, Robert White Eagle, Cherokee, Clincho VA. Arena Director, Hon. Dean Wilson, Navajo, Window Rock, AZ; Head Man Dancer, Robert Alley, Phoenix; Head Lady Dancer, Joni A. Jim, Pima, Sweetwater, AZ.; Head Boy Dancer, Shane White Eagle, Rappahannock, VA.

Also, Head Gourd Dancer, Edgar Montetchi, Jr., Commanche, Tucson, a descendent of Quannah Parker; Head Little Boy Dancer, D.J. Meninick, Yakima/Naz Perce, Lenore, ID; and Head Little Girl Dancer, Christiane Pinkham, Navajo/Nez Perce, Phoenix.

Host Northern Drum, Four Sacred Mountains, Shiprock, NM, Lead Singer, Fred Johnson; Host Southern Drum, Comanche Moon, Phoenix, Lead Singer, Elton Yellowfish. Host Gourd Drum and Lead Singer and the Head Girl Dancer will be announced shortly.

The Pow-Wow schedule, activities around the field, and the point system to be used by the judges are as follows. Extra points for Fri., G.E. exhibit and participation dances. Must attend G.E. Sat, Sun to place. Sat. random select on categories. Four places awarded to each category if at least four contestants register. At least two songs, no more than four each contest. No giveaways after Grand Entrys. Teams must have at least three dancers. Fancy dancers must contest both styles. Drum groups must have at least four members. Registration closes at Sat. G.E.

Indian Tennis Tourney—

The 1988 National Indian Tennis Tournament in Arcata, California, May 28,29,30. The tournament will be held at Humboldt State University.

Participants must provide proof of 1/4 degree of Indian blood.

Trophies will be awarded in all categories. For more information contact: Russell Jilot, President N.A.I.T.A., P.O. Box 2994, McKinleyville, CA 95521, (707) 442-8212 or (707) 826-4994.

American Indian History McNickle Center Seminar

The Newberry Library's D'Arcy McNickel Center presents the first of what is intended to be a series of seminars on new directions in American Indian history for established scholars and advanced graduate students. The New Directions Seminars will bring together active practitioners in the field to explore emerging areas of interest that promise to shed new light on the American Indian experience.

The New Directions Seminars will be interdisciplinary and emphasize discussion and debate. The seminar leaders, which will change every year, will be outstanding historians, anthropologists, literary scholars and others who are making original contributions to the study of the Native American past.

Format. The New Direction Seminar will be discussion oriented. Leaders will distribute an extensive reading list several weeks before the sessions begin, and will expect participants to come prepared to comment on this material. Members of the seminar will also have an opportunity to explore the collections of the Newberry Library and to discover its stengths in their areas of interest. Arrangements can also be made for individuals who wish to remain after the seminar to do research at the library.

Application and Fees. The D'Arcy McNickle Center is offering this seminar as a service to active scholars; admission is therefore limited to people who have a substantial background in American Indian history--primarily advanced graduate students and college faculty members. There will be a $250 tuition fee used to pay seminar expenses. In addition, McNickle Center staff will assist participants in making housing and travel arrangements, and the Library will accommodate individual research needs.

HELP! Who Can I Turn To For '87 TAX ADVICE??

January 1-Out with the old and on with the new. But before you finally wave 1987 good-bye, you'll need to settle things with Uncle Sam. Yes , taxes.

With the sweeping changes in the tax laws, this year might be a good one to pass on the headache of figuring out your taxes to a professional. But before you hire someone, be aware that the range of tax preparation services offered by different types of tax preparers depends on their education and training. What you need depends on your income situation.

If your return contains only W-2 and small investment income with basic itemized deductions, you can go to any reputable tax preparer for help. That includes Public and Non-Certified Accountants, as well as other tax experts, such as national firms or local individuals.

If your return is more complex, you should consider consulting a more highly trained individual, such as a Certified Public Accountant or an enrolled agent.

A Certified Public Accountant (CPA) will advise you on alternate ways to prepare your tax return, and can represent you before the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). CPA's are governed by the code of ethnics of a professional organization, which requires that each CPA pass a stringent initial exam, and then continue earning education credits on a yearly basis.

An enrolled agent is also authorized to represent you before the IRS. Enrolled agents are certified by the IRS after passing a government exam or after working five years as IRS auditors.

If your tax situation becomes involved and threatens to take you into federal court, CPA's and enrolled agents will recommend a Tax Attorney, who specializes in tax problems. Attorneys-with or without tax training-can represent you before the IRS.

Before hiring a tax service to prepare your return, here are a few things you should ask:

How much will preparing my return cost? What kind of accuracy check will be made on it? Will it be reviewed for mathematical errors only or also for errors in tax law interpretation? Is the preparer willing to sign my return and provide his or her Social Security or Federal Identification Number on the return? Will the preparer represent me if the IRS audits my return? If so, will there be an extra charge?

The preparer should not guarantee you a refund before completing your return nor suggest that you take non-existent deductions or commit other dishonest acts. The preparer should not ask you to sign a blank return or one completed in pencil.

And remember, although you hire someone to prepare your return, you are personally liable for any additional tax, interest, or penalty. That threat alone should spur all taxpayers to hire the most competent and honest tax preparer available for the money!

CALL ON THE IRS FOR FREE TAX HELP—

Toll-Free Hot Lines: Call the toll-free number, listed in your income tax packet for an answer to any question.

1-800-424-FORM: Call for forms or free publications on more than 90 tax topics.

Tele-Tax Service: Check your tax packet for the Tele-Tax Number in packet for the Toll-Free number in your area.

Walk-In Service: Feel free to drop in at your local IRS District Office to ask questions or to attend self-help classes.

VITA: If you know a senior citizen needing tax counseling, call your local tax assistance number to enlist the help of a local, specially trained community-service volunteer.

Another tip is that if you make under $50,000.00 per year, you can send your signed return to the IRS with your W-2 wage statement, attached, and income and expense information filled in. When you mail this return by April 15, the IRS will figure your taxes for you. Check your tax packet for details.

BRAD BREWER,LEFT, AND CLIFFORD BARNETT *prepare to load a thousand pounds of feed into the back of a customer's truck at the Creek Nation Bristow Feed and Supply, the Bristow Indian Community's newly acquired business.*

Creek Nation Bristow Feed & Supply Bristow Community Economic Project-

By Gary Robinson

February 22 marked the starting date for the Bristow Indian Community's second economic development venture, when the Bristow Feed and Supply opened under the Indian Community's management. Roy Cooper, chairman of the business board which oversees the operation, said the feed store is a good stable enterprise which has been in business for five years. "It's the only good, all-around feed and supply store in the area," he said, "and people are already used to buying from this location." The store is located next door to the Bristow Indian Community's Bingo Hall, their first economic venture.

In November, 1987, the Creek National Council authorized the funds to purchase the land and building, and agreed to loan the community additional funds for the inventory, fixtures and start up costs. The total funding package was $147,000, according to Council Ordinance NCA 87-84.

The feed store currently has three full-time employees, and one part-time employee. Two more full-time employees will be hired in the near future.

Spotlight on Creek Businesses. . .

Creek Entrepreneur Turns Construction Company into Million Dollar Business

Ben Shawneego,a Creek tribal member living in California, has invested time and hard work into a fledgling enterprise that has now turned into a multistate operation that pulled in $5 million last year.

Shawneego is the owner of Tecumseh Construction Company in West Sacramento, the area's only 100% American Indian-owned construction company and the largest such enterprise in the nation.

Starting the business five years ago, Shawneego just this past year, signed a joint venture agreement with the Crow Indian Reservation in Montana to string power lines across the reservation from a coal-fired generation plant near Sheridan, Wyoming.

The Tecumseh Company's status as an Indian-owned business has aided in the landing of major contracts with such tribes as the Crow. In 1985, the United Indian Development Association, an El Monte-based business development center, honored the Tecumseh Company as the Business of the Year in California.The year before, the Bureau of Reclamation also named the company its business of the year.

Shawneego believes the key to the success of his company, in what is known as the high-voltage construction field, has been accomplished by carefully bidding on smaller jobs that bigger companies pass by.

Assistance from the Small Business Administation 8(a) program, which gives minority-owned businesses an opportunity to get contracts from the federal government, has helped the development of the company, but the company is gradually weaning itself off the 8(a) program, thanks to the major independent contracts they have received.

Shawneego's winning business strategy has been in keeping his company small enough that everything can be managed out of one main office.

The Tecumseh Company now employs ten permanent employees and Shawneego estimates the net worth of his company has grown from $5,000 to about $500,000, and that this year, profits are expected at $10 million.

Shawneego is the son of the late John Shawneego and Leona Radley and the brother of Johnny and Jimmy Shawneego, graduates of Chilocco Indian School.

Muscogee National Council

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INVOCATION: Jonas Dunson
CALL TO ORDER: Carney Roberts, Speaker, National Council
ROLL CALL: A roll call vote was taken and a quorum was declared with twenty-two members present, and all business transacted during this session would be considered valid and entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws. The roll call was as follows: Those present were: Jerry Wilson, Johnson Buck, Irene Cleghorn, Joe Fox, Clyde Johnson, Harley Little, Earl Wheeler, Barton Williams, Frank Kamp, Dorothy Miller, Tony Hale, Larry Bible, Robert Buck, Jonas Dunson, Kenneth Childers, Helen Chupco, Robert Hardridge, Richard Larney, Carney Roberts and Alexander Thomas. Those absent were: Dan Barnett, Sandy McIntosh, Mickey Primeaux, Pat Clark, Leah Stacy, Betty Foster and Roy Bear.
READING OF MINUTES: The Chair entertained a motion for the approval of these minutes, November 12, 1987 Special Session and November 21 Regular Scheduled Session. A motion was made by Buck and seconded by Johnson to approve the minutes as read. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty in favor, none against, no absentions.
ORDER OF BUSINESS:
I. OLD BUSINESS
A Bill entitled "An Employee Right to a Fair Hearing Act and Performance Evaluation Procedures" had been introduced into the Muscogee (Creek) National Council on September 2, 1987, and was tabled for indefinite time and it was by legislative action that it be taken off the table and re-introduced during this session. The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Dunson to take this Bill off the table for consideration during this session. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the result being: Fourteen in favor, six against and no abstentions. Voting Yes were: Wilson, Cleghorn, Fox, Wheeler, Little, Childers, Bible, Dunn, Kamp, Larney, Williams, Miller, Dunson, and Hardridge. Voting No were: Hale, Buck, Johnson, Chupco and Thomas. Motion carried. The Bill would be taken off the table and placed on the agenda during this session for consideration. The Bill was read and considered as follows: ***Section 101 Findings: The National Council finds that:*** A. Every employee of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation deserves the benefit of due process and they should be protected by tribal law. ***Section 102. Evaluation of Employee*** The Executive Branch of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation shall establish a written policy of evaluation for all tribal employees. Every policy so adopted shall: A. Be prescribed in writing at the time of adoption and at all times when amendments thereto are adopted. The original policy and all amendments to the policy shall be promptly made available to all employees. B. Provide that all evaluations be made in writing and that evaluation documents and responses thereto are to be maintained in a personnel file for each employee. C. Provide that each employee of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation receive an annual evaluation. ***Section 103. Employee Response to Evaluation.*** Whenever any evaluation is made of an employee, a true copy of the evaluation shall be presented to the employee. The employee shall acknowledge the written evaluation by his signature thereon. Within two (2) weeks after the evaluation, the employee may respond and said response shall be made part of the record. Except by order of a court of competent jurisdiction, evaluation documents and the responses thereto shall be available only to the evaluated employee, the National Council, the administrative staff making the evaluation, the hearing panel described herein and such other persons as are specified by the employee in writing. ***Section 104. Dismissal or Non re-employment of Employee-Grounds.*** A. Any employee may be dismissed at any time or not re-employed for immorality, willful neglect of duty, cruelty, incompetency, or failure to perform duties as prescribed in their job description. ***Section 105 Admonishment*** Whenever a supervisor who has the administrative responsibility under the supervision of the Principal Chief to plan, manage, operate and evaluate a tribal program believes that it is necessary to admonish an employee for a reason he believes may lead to the employee dismissal or non re-employment shall: A. Bring the matter to the attention of the employee, in writing, and make a reasonable effort to assist the employee to correct whatever appears to be the cause for potential dismissal or non re-employment. B. Allow a reasonable time for improvement, which time shall not exceed two (2) months. The nature and gravity of the employee conduct shall be considered in determining what length of time would be reasonable. If the employee does not correct the cause for potential dismissal of non re-employement within a reasonable length of time, the supervisor shall make a recommendation to the Principal Chief for the dismissal or non re-employment of the employee.

Section 106. Suspension of Employee Whenever a supervisor or the Principal Chief has reason to believe that cause exists for the dismissal of an employee, and when he or she is of the opinion that the immediate suspension of an employee is necessary in the best interests of the Nation, the supervisor or Principal Chief may suspend the employee without notice or hearing. However, the suspension of the employee shall not deprive the employee of any compensation or other benefits to which he or she would otherwise be entitled under the personnel benefits of the Nation or pursuant to law. Within ten (10) days time after such suspension becomes effective, the supervisor shall initiate proceedings pursuant to the provisions of this act, to have the employee dismissed. However, in a case involving a criminal charge or indictment, such suspension may extend to such time as the employee's case is finally adjudicated at a trial. Provided, however, such extension shall not include any appeal procedures.***Section 107. Procedures for Dismissal or Non-employment.*** A. Whenever a supervisor determines that cause exists for the dismissal or non re-employment of an employee employed by the Nation, he or she shall submit a recommendation in writing to the Principal Chief. The recommendation shall be approved or rejected by the Principal Chief who may seek advice from the National Council, however it is not required to do under the provisions of this act. B. If the Principal Chief approves the recommendation of the supervisor, or determine on its own volition that an employee should be dismissed or non re-employed the Principal Chief shall cause written notice of the dismissal or non re-employment to be mailed by certified mail, restricted delivery, with return receipt requested, to the employee who is subject of the action. ***Section 108. Hearing Judge.*** The District Judge of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Judicial Branch shall serve as the hearing judge on all personnel appeals. ***Section 109. Notice and Place of Hearing-Hearing Panel.*** A. The hearing Judge shall schedule a hearing on the employee dismissal within ten (10)

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days after a request is received. Upon scheduling the hearing, the hearing Judge shall immediately notify the employee of the time and place for the hearing and the procedures provided by law. B. The hearing shall be held in distsrict in which the employee is employed in. C. In his consideration of tribal issues, the hearing Judge shall be counseled and assisted by a person designated by the Principal Chief and a person designated by the National Council. These three (3) individuals shall compose the hearing panel. ***Section 110. Procedural Due Process.*** At the hearing, and until final disposition of the case, the Principal Chief or his designee shall represent the Nation. The employee or his designee shall be afforded due process at the hearing, included the following rights: 1. To have counsel of his own choice present. 2. To present witnesses in person or to present their testimony by interrogatories, affidavits or depositions. A list of witnesses which are to be presented shall be furnished to the other party at least (5) days before the hearing is scheduled. 3. To testify in his own behalf and give reasons for any actions or policies. 4. To have an orderly hearing. 5. To have a fair and impartial decision based upon the evidence. 6. To have an official transcript of the hearing made. ***Section 111. Powers of Hearing Judge.*** At the hearing, the hearing judge may: A. Administer oaths. B. Issue supoeanas for the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of books,papers and documents relating to any matter under investigation. C. Receive evidence and limit lines of questioning and testimony which are repetitive, cumulative or irrelevant. D. Call and examine witnesses and introduce into the record documentary and other evidence. E. Preside over the course of the hearing and dispose of procedural request, motions and similar matters. F. Take any other action necessary to make the hearing accord with administrative process. ***Section 112. Compensation of Hearing Panel-Expense of Hearing.*** A. The members of the hearing panel shall be compensated for serving in such capacity in an amount to be determined in advance by the appropriation by the National Council. B. The Nation and the employee shall each by responsible for fifty percent (50%) of the expense and cost of the hearing and the official transcript, excluding attorney's fees of the parties involved, however, if the employee is reinstated as a result of the hearing, the employee is excused from paying his share of expenses of the hearing, and the total costs shall be bared by the Nation. ***Section 113. Hearing Report.*** A. Within thirty (30) days from the time a hearing judge and panel has been chosen, the panel shall complete the hearing, prepare a written report and submit copies of the report to the Principal Chief and the employee. The report shall be written by the hearing judge. IF the hearing panel cannot prepare the report within said period of time, the Principal Chief and the employee shall be so notified prior to the end of such period. The hearing panel may then take additional time as it is necessary, not to exceed forty (40) days from the time that the hearing judge was chosen, to prepare and submit the report. The Principal Chief and the employee or their designees may mutually agree to extend the time limits for preparation and submission of the report to an additional fifteen (15) days. B. The report shall contain an outline of the scope of the hearing, findings of fact and conculsions of law and shall direct either of the following: 1. That the Principal Chief reinstate the employee with full employment status benefits: or 2. That the decision of the Principal Chief for the dismissal or non re-employment of the employee be sustained. ***Section 114 Appeal.*** The decision of the hearing panel as contained in the report shall be final and shall be obeyed by the parties involved unless the employee or the Principal Chief appeals the decision to the Supreme Court. The provisions of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Judicial Code shall apply to such appeal. ***Section 115. Applicable Law.*** The applicable hearing and appeal procedure in the event of the dismissal or non re-employement of an employee shall be that procedure provided by law on the effective date of such dismissal or non re-employment. ***Section 116.*** All Tribal employees are guaranteed the freedom to exercise their political rights, however, no employee shall campaign or support a political candidate while on duty as an employee of the Creek Nation. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Dunson to approve the Bill as read. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twelve in favor, eight against and no abstentions. Voting Yes were: Wilson, Cleghorn, Little, Wheeler, Fox, Kamp, Williams, Bible, Dunn, Childers, Hardridge, and Dunson. Voting no were: Johnson, Buck, Hale, Miller, Chupco, Larney and Thomas. Motion did carry. Bill 12-J was approved as read and shall be recorded as such.

II. NEW BUSINESS

12-A A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Granting the Eufaula Indian *Community the Permanent use of a Building located at the Old Boarding School site in Eufaula, Oklahoma.* Introduced by Kamp; Assigned to the Committee on Tribal Affairs; Recommendation: "DO PASS". The Bill 12-A was read and considered as follows: ***Section 101 Findings:*** The National Council finds that: A. The Eufaula Indian Community is a Chartered Community of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. B. NCA 87-14 granted the Eufaula Indian Community the use of the northwest room of the building known as the Manpower office, for the purpose of establishing an economic development, (Smokeshop). C. The Eufaula Indian Community has since April 6, 1987; successfully operated a "Smoke Shop" at this location. D. The Eufaula Indian Community and the Muscogee (Creek) Nation have benefited from this project in that; 1. The smokeshop has provided employment for six (6) members of the community. 2. Profits from the smokeshop have been deposited in the community account for the use of the Community. 3. As of November 20, 1987, Thirteen Thousand Three Hundred Seventeen dollars and forty-five cents ($13,317.45) has been paid to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation in Tobacco Taxes. ***Section 102*** As a result of the successful operation of the "Smokeshop" more room is needed for the storage of the increased inventory. The remainder of the building would be used as a business office of the Eufaula Indian Community. ***Section 103.*** The permanent use of the Manpower office building, located a the Old School site in Eufaula is hereby granted to the Eufaula Indian Community for the purpose stated in Section 102. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a discussion. The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Kamp and seconded by Cleghorn to approve Bill 12-A as read. An amendment was made as follows: A motion was made by Childers and seconded by Johnson to amend Section 103 by deleting the word "permanent". Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried. The amendment was approved as read. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded for the approval of 12 A a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty in favor, none against, no abstentions. Motion carried. Bill 12-A was approved as amended and shall be recorded as such. ***ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: Bills 12-B, 12-C, 12-D, 12-E, 12-F, 12-G, 12-H, 12-I and 12—K.*** The Chair entertained a motion to place these items on the agenda for consideration. A motion was made by Bible and seconded by Johnson Buck to place these items on the agenda for consideration during this December 19th session. Upon a motion having been made and seconded a roll call vote was taken, results being: Twenty in favor, none against, No Abstentions. MOTION CARRIED. The above named items were placed on the Agenda for consideration as follows.

12-B A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation amending NCA 81-06, "The Citizenship Ordinance Regarding Dual Enrollment".

Introduced by Leah J. Stacy; Assigned to the Committee on Business and Governmental Services; Committees Recommendation was a "Do Pass" The Bill was read and considered as follows: ***Section 101. Findings.*** The National Council finds that: A. NCA 81-06 and the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation prohibit dual enrollment by members of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation; B. The Citizenship Board has requested an amendment to NCA 81-06 which will provide an enforceable punishment for violation of the dual enrollment section. ***Section 102. Tribal Ordinance NCA 81-06 is hereby amended by Section 3007 (D) to read as follows:*** If not enrolled, be requested to execute an Oath not to enroll in other tribe or tribes without thirty days written notice to the Citizenship Board of the Muscogee Nation; violation of this oath will make the applicant ineligible for Tribal Services. The BILL having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Jerry Wilson and seconded by Richard Larney to approve the BILL as read. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call was taken with the results being: Twenty in Favor, None Against. No Abstentions. MOTION CARRIED. BILL 12-B was approved as read and shall be recorded as such.

12-C A Bill Authorizing th Grant of Economic Development Funds to the Holdenville Indian Community.

The Bill was assigned to the Committee on Business and Governmental Services; Committee Recommendation was a "DO PASS". The Bill 12 C was read and considered as follows; ***Section 101. Findings.*** The National Council finds that: A. The Holdenville Indian Community is a chartered, organized tribal entity of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. B. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation has purchased a community center in Holdenville, Oklahoma for use by the Indian Community. C. The Holdenville Indian Community has proposed an Economic Development Project consisting of a bingo operation, in order to provide employment for community members and income for the community. D. Considering the Muscogee (Creek) Nation allotment of funds the purpose of economic development for "Tribal and Community projets and enterprises which provide income and employment for the tribal entity, as approved by Ordinance". E. The Holdenville Indian Community wishes to utilize its community center for the purpose of operating a bingo game. The bingo operation will utilize the existing auditorium and several rooms in close proximity thereof. ***Section 102.*** Therefore, the National Council hereby appropriates $42,500 from the Bingo account to facilitate the formation of the aforementioned project. The budget is as follows: 1. Bingo Items (Equipment, supplies, operating funds) - $33,025; 2. Office Equipment - $3,965; 3. Kitchen (Equipment & Food) - $5,510; Total Budget - $42,500. ***Section 104*** All Bingo activities will conform to NCA 84-04 as amended and as directed by the Office of the Public Gaming; further, this operation *will provide 60% of monthly* net income to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Treasury by the 15th of the month for the proceeding month. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Buck and seconded by Johnson to approve the Bill as read. Discussion was entertained and held. A motion was made by Williams and seconded by Fox to send this bill (12-C) back to committee for further review. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twelve in favor, six against and two abstentions. Voting yes were: Cleghorn, Wheeler, Little, Fox, Williams, Childers, Dunson, Thomas, Kamp, Bible, Dunn and Hardridge. Voting No were: Miller, Johnson, Buck, Chupco,and Buck. Abstaining were: Larney and Wilson. Motion carried the Bill 12-C will be sent back to the Committee for further review.

12-D A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Repealing Tribal Ordinance NCA 87-16. The Bill was introduced by Stacy; Assigned to the Committee on Business and Governmental Services; Committee Recommendation was DO PASS. The Bill was read and considered as follows: ***Section 101. Findings.*** The National Council finds that: A. NCA 87-16 is an Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation authorizing Tribal Revenues to participate in the State of the Oklahoma versus Sac & Fox Tribe cigarette tax case in federal court. B. As of this date, the sum of $5,000 remains as the balance (returns) of said appropriation. ***Section 102.*** It is the position of the National Council that said balance of NCA 87-16 revert back to the tobacco tax revenue account. ***Section 103.*** Tribal Ordinance NCA 87-16 is hereby repealed. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Little and seconded by Buck to approve the Bill 12-D as read. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: seventeen in favor, none against, and no abstentions. Williams, Wilson and Johnson were out. Motion carried. The Bill 12-D was approved as read and shall be recorded as such.

12-E A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Amending NCA 87-37 to include the Administration of Aging Elderly Nutrition Program for FY 88. The Bill was introduced into the National Council by Chupco, Chairman of the Committee on Community Services; Assigned to the Committee on Community Services; The Committee recommendation was a "DO PASS". The Bill was read and considered as follows: ***Section 101. Findings.*** The National Council finds that: A. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has requested an application to continue the Administration on Aging grant for the tribal Elderly Nutrition Program funding from FY 88 appropriations. B. The program has been successful and meets a critical need among Indian elderly. C. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation desires to continue the program and re-apply to the federal government for funding. ***Section 102*** The National Council hereby amends NCA 87-37 at Section 153, (A) (2) Department of Health and Human Services to include the following: "Administration on Aging". The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Little and seconded by Dunson to approve the Bill as read. Discussion was entertained and held. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Nineteen in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried. The Bill 12-E was approved as read and shall be recorded as such.

12-F A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Making Specific Assurances of the Purpose of the 1988 Application for the Community Development Block Grant, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Bill was assigned to the Committee on Community Services; The Bill was introduced into the National Council by Chupco, Chairman of the Committee on Community Services; The Committee recommendation was "DO PASS". The Bill was read and considered as follows: ***Section 101. Findings.*** The Muscogee (Creek) Nation has been invited by the U.S. Department

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of Housing and Urban Development to submit an application for a grant to fund certain Community Development Block Grant Program activities. ***Section 102.*** The Muscogee (Creek) Nation hereby assures the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that: A. Prior to the submission of the application, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation has prepared and followed a written citizen participation plan which provides Muscogee (Creek) Citizens; especially those living in areas where activities are proposed or ongoing with adequate information concerning the amount of funds available for proposed community development and housing activities, the range of activities that may be assisted, and the most highly rated activities under the approved rating systems, and has advised them of other important program requirements, and has solicited their review and participation. B. Prior to submission of the application, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation has followed traditional tribal means of citizen involvement that meets the standards required in Subpart "B" as well as this Ordinance, which provided adequate opportunity to articulate needs, activities, assist in the selection of priorities, and otherwise participate in the development application. C. The Muscogee Nation certifies that te citizen participation requirements of 24 CFR 571.604 have been met. ***Section 103.*** No part of this ordinance shall be construed to restrict the responsibility and authority of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tribal Government for the devleopment of the application and the execution of the Community Development Block Grant Program. Accordingly, the citizen participation requirements of this Ordinance do not include concurrence by any person or group involved in citizens participation in making final determination concerning the funding and contents of the application. The sole responsibility and authority to make such final determination rest exclusively with the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tribal Government. ***Section 104.*** Based upon the foregoing participation process, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation shall include the following proposed programs in the 1988 application for Community Development Block Grant funds: A. Creek and Okmulgee.........Housing Rehabilitation. ***Section 105.*** The Muscogee (Creek) Nation assumes all responsibilities under the National Enviromental Policy Act of 1968 for enviromental review, decision making and any action that would apply to the Secretary, where the Secretary is the undertake these tribal projects as federal projects. The sovereign immunity of the Nation is waived only for the purpose of this section, and only for declaratory, injunctive or equitable relief from the Courts of the Muscogee Nation; provided that claims against treasury of the Muscogee Nation are not permitted by this section. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made Johnson Buck and seconded by Clyde Johnson to approve the Bill 12-F as read. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty in favor, none against and no absentions. Motion carried Bill 12-F was approved as read and shall be recorded as such.

12-G A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Authorizing the Purchase of Land Options and a Feasibility Study for an Economic Development Project in Creek District. Introduced by Sandy McIntosh; Assigned to the Committee on Tribal Affairs; Committee Recommendation was a "Do Pass". The Bill was read and considered as follows: ***Section 101. Findings.*** The National Council finds that: A. It is a priority of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation to establish economic development projects which will provide employment to tribal citizens and revenues for the tribal government. B. An opportunity exists to purchase land options in Creek District for the development of a major entertainment and recreational enterprise. C. A feasibility study is required to determine whether the project is economically advisable at this time. ***Section 102.*** The National Council hereby appropriates funding from the FY-1988 Tribal Budget, Economic Development, (100-8852-59-560-00-5535) as follows: Purchase of Land Options $12,470; Feasibility Study $38,530; Total $60,000. The Bill having been read the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Williams and seconded by Hale to approve the Bill as read. Discussion was entertained and held. Upon a motin having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being as follows: Thirteen in favor, five against and one abstention: Voting yes were: Wilson, Buck, Fox, Johnson, Williams, Miller, Thomas, Larney, Chupco, Hardridge, Bible, Buck, and Hale. Voting no were: Cleghorn, Little, Dunn, Dunson and Childers. Abstaining - Kamp. Motion carried. The Bill 12-G was approved as read.

12-H A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Repealing Tribal Ordinance NCA 86-63. Introduced by Sandy McIntosh; Assigned to the Committee on Tribal Affairs; Committee Recommendation was "DO PASS". The Bill was read and considered as follows: ***Section 101 Findings*** The National Council finds that: A. NCA 87-63 is an Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation authorizing a feasibility study of an economical development project (Discoveryland). B. As of this date, the sum of $18,273.65 remains as the balance (return) of said appropriation. ***Section 102.*** It is the position of the National Council that said balance of NCA 86-63 revert back to the economic development fund account. ***Section 103.*** Tribal Ordinance NCA 86-63 is hereby repealed. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Williams and seconded by Dunson to approve the Bill as read. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty in favor, none against, no abstentions. Motion carried. Bill 12-H was approve as read and shall be recorded as such.

12-I A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Reauthorizing a Cooperative Economic Development Cattle Project with Thomas McIntosh. Introduced by Sandy McIntosh; Assigned to the Committee on Tribal Affairs; Committee recommendation was a "DO PASS". ***Section 101. Findings*** The National Council finds that: A. During the last year, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation participated in a profitable economic development cattle project with Thomas McIntosh, a tribal citizen. B. The project was not only successful financially, but also made substantial improvements to tribal property. C. The reauthorization of the cooperative project will not require an additional appropriation of funds. D. It is the best interest of the tribal government to continue the cooperative project. ***Section 102.*** The National Council hereby authorizes the Principal Chief to enter into an agreement with Thomas McIntosh for the purpose of a cooperative economic development cattle project for the period of January 1, 1988 through December 31, 1988. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Johnson Buck and seconded by Larney to approve the Bill as read. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty in favor, none against, no abstentions. Motion carried. Bill 12-I was approved as read and shall be recorded as such.

12-K A Bill Amending NCA 81-82 Establishing Regular and Special Election Laws. The Bill was introduced by Wilson and presented to the full Council for their consideration. The Bill was read and considered as follows: ***Section 101 Findings.*** Sections 818 and 819 of NCA 81-82 have been held by the Supreme Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, order dated January 18, 1986 to be unconstitutional, violating separation of powers. It is therefore necessary to establish new procedures in NCA 81-82 for hearings on election contests. ***Section 102. Amendment: NCA 81-82,*** Sections 818 and 819 which currently read: ***Section 818. Petition for Fraud or Irregularities.*** In the event a candidate contests the correctness of the announced results of an election by alleging fraud or any other irregularities, the Secretary of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Election Board shall, refer such allegations to the National Council for hearing. ***Section 819. Determination of Successful Party Impossible Procedure National Council to Call Special Election.*** In the event, after a hearing is conducted, it is deemed impossible to determine to whom a Certificate of Election shall be issued, the National Council shall notify the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Election Board of the same. It shall then be the duty of the Secretary of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Election Board to notify the Principal Chief of said decision. The National Council shall then order a new election to be conducted as soon as is practicable in the same manner as contested election, with the identical candidates, provided that any candidate upon whom fraud has been proved shall not be a candidate in the new election. Provided further, the above shall not apply to elections resulting in tie votes, which elections shall be determined as provided by law. ***Are hereby amended to read: Section 818. Petition for Fraud or Irregularities.*** In the event a candidate contests the correctness of the announced results of an election by alleging fraud or any other irregularities, the Secretary of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Election Board shall file or cause to be filed the contest petition containing such allegations in the District Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. ***Section 819 Determination of Successful Party Impossible Procedure National Council to call Special Election.*** In the event, after a hearing is conducted, it is deemed impossible to determine to who a Certificate of Election shall be issued, the District Court shall notify the Muscogee (Creek) Election Board of the same and shall then order a new election to be conducted as soon as is practicable in the same manner as the contested election, with the identical candidates, provided that any candidate upon who fraud has been proved shall not be a candidate in the new election. Provided further the above shall not apply to elections resulting in tie votes, which elections shall be determined as provided by law. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Election Board to notify the Principal Chief of said decision of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Little to approve the Bill 12K as read. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Fourteen in favor, five against, and one abstention. Voting yes were: Wilson, Cleghorn, Fox, Little, Wheeler, Bible, Buck, Dunn, Kamp, Williams, Childers, Dunson, Hardridge, and Larney. Voting no were: Johnson Buck, Clyde Johnson, Hale, Miller, and Thomas. Motion carried. The Bill 12 K was approved as read and shall be recorded as such.

OTHER BUSINESS. None

The Speaker advised there were requests for assignments to be made, he was going to be holding up on those assignments and carry those over to be made by the 1988-89 Speaker.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS, ETC.

The Inauguration of the Principal Chief, Second Chief and the District Representatives would be held January 4, 1988.

ADJOURNMENT (By unanimous decision)

Indian Business Seminar April 11-12

A workshop designed for Native Americans who are considering going into business or who are already in business is scheduled for April 11 and 12 in the University Center, Northeastern State University, Tahlequah.

It will be held in conjunction with the 16th Annual Symposium on the American Indian, which is planned for that entire week on the NSU campus.

Sessions of the workshop will cover all aspects of business planning, financing and managing for would-be entreprenuers. Presentors will include officials of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Service Corps of Retired Executives, Small Business Administration and the Oklahoma Indian Business Development Center, as well as private sector professionals in marketing, management, business law, accounting and banking.

Special highlights of the workshop will feature successfull Indian business owners and Indian professionals in two roundtable discussions-the first on "Indian Entrepreneurship" and the second on "Concepts of Tribal/Individual Business Relationships."

The workshop is jointly sponsored by the Oklahoma Small Business Development Center at NSU, OSU Vocational-Technical Branch in Okmulgee, Oklahoma Indian Business Development Center,and the small Business Administration.

For further information, contact Sandra Parker, conference coordinator, at the Oklahoma Small Business Development Center at NSU, 918/458-0802.

CN Eufaula Dormitory Basketball Tourney

The Creek Nation Boarding School is having a Men's Double Elimination Basketball Tournament at the Creek Nation Boarding School, March 26-27.

Trophies will go to the first and second place individual teams. The first and second place team trophies and All-Star trophies.

The entry fee is $70. The deadline is March 22.

The first sixteen teams with a ten player limit will be taken.

For more information contact: Pat Dominik; 918-689-2612 at work, or 918-689-9380 at home.

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MAR. 17 - 20

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Deadline: Mar. 11, 1988

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Ryan's dreams are granted with the help of Creek Nation and the Brass Ring Society

SOME DREAMS REALLY DO COME TRUE, *as nine-year old Ryan Harjo of Okemah learns at a party given for him in the Principal Chief's office March 29, courtesy of the Creek Nation Social Services and the Brass Ring Society of Tulsa. Ryan is shown, center surrounded by family and friends as he opens tapes (that go with his "dream" of owning his very own VCR) compliments of the Brass Ring Society. The non-profit organization grants the dreams of children like Ryan who have life-threatening illnesses. Ryan was diagnosed as having leukemia. Shown with him at the special party are left to right, his mother, Shirley Harjo, Chris Miller, Brass Ring Society volunteer coordinator, Ryan's father, James Harjo, Gail Dodson, executive director of the Tulsa Chapter of the Brass Ring Society and peeking out over a stuffed teddy-bear, one of Ryan's gifts, is his five-year old cousin, Lisa Davenport.*

By Kathryn Bell

Ryan Harjo, who just turned 9, was diagnosed in 1983 as having leukemia. He has been in and out of various hospitals and has had extensive treatment, but his doctors recently let him come home to be with parents and family. Since that time, a medical battle has been waged for Ryan's health and the emotional toll on his parents and family and all of those involved with him, has been great.

However, everyone has rallied around Ryan, including the Indian Child Welfare Program of the CN Social Services Dept, whose caseworker, Pat Frank, contacted the Brass Ring Society in Tulsa last month about Ryan. The Brass Ring Society is a non-profit organization whose primary function is in fulfilling the dreams of children like Ryan who have life-threatening illnesses. Through the coordination of the Social Services Dept, the Tulsa Chapter of the Society made a special trip with special gifts, to Creek Nation for Ryan. In a small gathering in the Chief's Office, Ryan was honored with many gifts including his "dream" - a new VCR of his very own, complete with tapes. The delighted, but quiet Creek child was surrounded by his parents, James and Shirley, his sister, Gail, 15, his cousin Lisa, 5, Brass Ring representatives and the CN Social Services staff - Etta Conner, Pat Frank and Helen Coon.

Ryan had originally shared his dream with Pat Frank of going to Disneyland, but his doctors felt the trip would be too taxing on Ryan's frail condition - he then told Mrs. Frank he really wanted a puppy and a VCR. Responding immediately, the Indian Child Welfare got the puppy and Brass Ring purchased the VCR and other gifts for Ryan.

According to Mrs. Frank, the CN Social Services and Indian Child Welfare are working at trying to get more assistance for the family - father James has been without a job due to him wanting to spend as much time as possible with his son--with whom he and the rest of the family--are obviously devoted too. The strong family feeling and support have helped Ryan in his struggle. "He is a quiet child and he never complains about the pain and his weakness--he's cheerful and even when he is exhausted and has to sit down, he still has a smile on his face..." said Mrs. Frank.

Juried Craft Show Set During Creek Festival-

The first Annual Muscogee (Creek) Juried Arts and Crafts Exhibition will be held during this year's Creek Festival. The newly organized Festival Commission approved the exhibition hoping to stimulate interest in the designs and methods of producing crafts traditionally practiced by the Muscogee (Creek) Tribe. The artists should apply their talents using the same methods and materials to create for contemporary use. A register will be compiled from the artists participating in this exhibition which will be used as resource persons to supply the Festival Gift Shop located at the Complex with authentic Muscogee made items.

ELIGIBILITY

Members by blood of the Muscogee (Creek) Tribe are invited to submit entries in this competition. All persons eighteen (18) and over will be entered in the adult division and those under (18) will be entered in the student division.

NUMBER OF ENTRIES

A total of five (5) entries per person.

ENTRY DEADLINE

June 3, 1988. Entries should be brought in to the Communication Department that day. See Joe Washington or Helen Chalakee for receipt.

JUDGING

The jury has the right to reclassify any entry and disqualify any item not authentic to the Muscogee (Creek) Tribe. No awards in a category if items are not of prize winning quality. Judges will consist of noted Creek artists and craftpeople who have themselves competed in exhibitions.

AWARDS

Trophy and cash award for first place. Ribbons for second and third places will be given in each of the eight (8) categories, plus a trophy and cash Grand Award.

CATEGORIES AND ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

Silver: *Materials native to Oklahoma and available to the Muscogee (Creek) Tribe used with sterling or coin silver. Native materials such as flint, agate, native petrified wood, jasper, horn, bone, wood, shell, bird or animal parts legally usable according to government regulations are acceptable. Use of turquoise and red coral and designs traditional with Western Tribes such as squash blossom necklaces are prohibited.*

Pottery: *Clay and tempering materials should be collected and processed by the artists. Traditional shapes and designs are preferred. Most examples, in pottery's long tradition, originated as simple containers for everyday household needs. Contemporary pottery forms are acceptable, although,* ***no slipmolds, greenware, non-Indian or commercial pottery are allowed.*** *Kiln-*

(See CRAFT SHOW, page 3)

SMITH FAMILY REUNION
May 28, 1988
9:30 a.m. until ?

Middle Creek #1 Baptist Church, south of Dustin on Lamar Road. Serving Indian food. Bring a covered dish. Relatives and friends invited. For more information write Diana Grayson, P.O. Box 4, Stilwell, OK 74960.

Muscogee Nation News

The Muscogee Nation News is a monthly publication of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. The offices are located one mile north of Okmulgee, Oklahoma in the Creek Nation Complex. The office of the MNN is located in the Tribal Mound Building at the Complex.

The purpose of this newsletter is to act as the official publication of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and to meet any possible need of the Creek Nation that is possible through news coverage.

Subscription rate: The MNN is mailed free to all Creek registered voter households. For all others the rate is $12.00 annum, copyrights pending. Reprint permission is granted with credit to the Muscogee Nation News unless other copyrights are shown. Editorial statements of the MNN, guest columns and reader's letters reflect the opinions of the individual writer and not necessarily those of the Muscogee Nation News, its advisors, or the Administration of the Creek Nation

All editorials and letters wil become the property of the Muscogee Nation News. Editorials must be signed by the individual author and include a traceable address.

Deadlines for submission is the Friday prior to the first full week of the meeting of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council. Any submission must be brought by the MNN office during the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays).

Change of address or address corrections requested. For additional copies, call the MNN office at (918) 756-8700, extension 327 for arrangements. Address P.O Box 580 Okmulgee, OK 74447.

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Talking Leaves Applications-

Talking Leaves Job Corps is a vocational training and educational training program. The applicant must be between 16 and 21 years of age, a high school dropout, unemployed, low income or a high school graduate who is unemployed or underemployed. Talking Leaves offers eleven vocations and provides room and board and medical care. For more information, contact with Gary Gutherie or Joe Bunch, at 918-456-9961 or toll-free in Oklahoma at 1-800-722-9676 or write to Talking Leaves Recruitment, PO Box 948, Tahlequah, OK 74465.

Legal Assistance-

Do You Need Legal Help?. . OILS (Oklahoma Indian Legal Services, Inc) is a federally funded non-profit legal aid office providing free legal help to low income Indians living in Oklahoma, with the following kinds of cases: Indian housing, Indian child-welfare; Indian land problems; tribal sovereignty; and other Indian legal problems such as education and health issues. For further information call toll free: 1-528-5500-4450 (if you're in the 405 area) or 1-405-528-5500-4450 (if you're in the 918 area.) OILS, 3033 N. Walnut, Suit 103 W, Oklahoma City OK 73105.

Letter-

DEAR CREEK NATION:

I would like to express my appreciation to the Creek Nation and the Higher Education Program for the assistance that I have received in the form of Creek Scholarships and Incentive Awards. I am thirty-five and a re-entry student in the Indian Teacher and Education Personnel Program at Humboldt State University in Arcata, Ca. I drive one-hundred-fifty miles round trip, three days a week to attend classes and so every award that I receive is applied toward expenses. I am very happy to be able to get a higher education and I know that my accomplishments will bring much honor to my family, the Robison Clan from Weleetka, Wetumka area. I know that the combined endeavors of the Creek people is resulting in helping people such as myself. Once again, I thank you all.

Claudette R. Moore
Crescent City, California

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May 21, 1988
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N.E. District Center
Preston, Oklahoma

-Notice of Pendancy of Class Action-

To: All Indians owning oil or natural gas interests in alloted lands within the jurisdiction of the Anadarko Area Office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Notice is hereby given to you that the plaintiffs in Kauley, et. al. v. United States, et. al., No. Civ. 84-3306T in the United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma have filed a suit on behalf of themselves and all members of the class similarly situated.

By order dated August 7, 1987, the Court in this action determined that the action should be maintained as a class action under the provisions of Rule 23(b) (1) and (b) (2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

On December 14, 1984, the individually named plaintiffs filed an action for declaratory and injunctive relief alleging that the Department of Interior failed to comply with and enforce the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982 ("FOGRMA") and other preexisting regulations concerning management of oil and gas properties and royalties belonging to plaintiffs and the defendant has breached its fiduciary duty by not fulfilling its trust responsibility with regard to the statutory mandates of FOGRMA. Plaintiffs seek an order compelling defendants to comply with and enforce the FOGRMA and the regulations and requiring defendants to account for and make timely royalty payments. Defendants deny plaintiffs claims and state they are in compliance with the Act and regulation.

The complaint was amended on March 28, 1985 to allege injury to a class of plaintiffs. On June 18, 1985, plaintiffs moved the Court for class certification and on July 23, 1985, the plaintiffs and defendants stipulated that the suit should be maintained as a class action. The Court certified that the suit should be maintained as a class action on August 7, 1987. Plaintiffs request for injunctive relief was denied as a preliminary remedy, but was reserved for consideration as part of action. Plaintiffs have filed and on February 4, 1987, argued a Motion for partial Summary Judgement which is pending before the Court at present time. The defendants have been served with and have responded to interrogatories and have produced documents in furtherance of the suit.

Therefore, You Are Hereby Notified:

*__1.__ By order of the Court, dated August 7, 1987, if you are an Indian owning oil or gas interests in allotted lands within the jurisdiction of the Anadarko Area of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, **you are a member of the plaintiff class.***

*__2.__ The purpose of this notice is simply to inform you that your interest regarding the defendant's alleged failure to comply with and enforce the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982 are the subject of a lawsuit in Federal Court. This notice is sent at the Court's direction for the sole purpose of informing you of the pendancy of this litigation so that you may decide what steps you may wish to take. As a member of the plaintiff class, **you will be bound by any future order of this Court pursuant to Federal Rules Civil Procedure 23(c)(3).***

__3.__ Your interests are currently represented by plaintiffs David Kauley, Mary Limpy and Thelma Haag and their attorneys: Steven Moore, Native American Rights Fund, 1506 Broadway, Boulder, Colorado 90302 and Judy Lewis, Oklahoma Indian Legal Services, 3033 North Walnut, Suit 103W, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105 (405) 528-5500.

__4.__ The three plaintiffs with the assistance of the attorneys named above will represent your interests in the lawsuit and you need do nothing. If you wish to participate in the lawsuit or have more information about it, you may either contact one of the plaintiffs' attorneys with information or questions, or, if you do not wish plaintiffs' attorneys to represent you, you may contact your own attorney, who will advise you.

__5.__ The pleadings and other papers filed in this action are available for inspection in the Office of the Clerk of this Court. They may be examined and copies made at any time during regular hours at the Office of the Clerk at the address listed below. Do not call the Judge or the Clerk of the Court concerning this litigaiton. Written requests for any additional information concerning this litigation may be submitted to the Clerk of the Court. The Clerk's address is as follows: Office of the Clerk, United States District Court, Federal Building, 200 N.W. 4th, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102. The Court expresses no opinion as to the merits of this case.

PUBLICATION NOTICE

American Indian Sports Heritage provides students of sports history, ***Contents: Part I: Sports and Games in Traditional Indian Life.*** Indian concepts of sport; Ball Games; Foot-racing; Additional Sports of Major Interests; Children's Play; Games of Chance. ***Part II: The Emergence of Indians in Modern Sport.*** Early Sports Exchange- Pre-20th Century; Role of Early Indian Schools; Sports Programs at the Carlisle and Haskell Schools; the Legendary Jim Thorpe; Prominent Indian Athletes Prior to 1930. ***Part III: Recent Developments.*** Diminishing Visibility of Indians in Sports; Prominent Indian Athletes after 1930; Some Promising Signs for Indians in Sport. Reference. Author Index. Subject Index.

About the Author: Joseph B. Oxendine received his doctorate in physical education and psychology from Boston University. He is a professor in the College of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance at Temple University, where he was dean and department chair for several years. ***Price:*** $32.00 ***Publication Date:*** March 7, 1988. ***ISBN:*** 0-87322-120-6 ***LC Number:*** 87-2860. ***Number of Pages:*** 352. ***Item Number:*** Box 0120. ***Order from Human Kinetics Books, a Division of Human Kinetics Publishers, Inc. Box 5076, Dept. 513, Champaign, IL 61820.***

Jones Academy Reunion
May 28 & 29, 1988

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16th Annual Symposium on the American Indian to be held April 11-16 at NSU

TAHLEQUAH--"The Way of the Sacred Eagle" is the theme for Northeastern State University's 16th Annual Symposium on the American Indian, April 11-16.

Ceremonies open Monday, at 9 a.m. in the University Center Ballroom with a procession of tribal banners, and continues through Saturday evening's closing pow-wow. Ongoing Symposium events include an art exhibit from Tulsa's Gilcrease Museum, a book display in the University Center Bookstore, an arts and crafts exhibit and a Native American film festival.

"In the last six years, the event has grown from a two-day affair to a week-long affair," said Carol Young, symposium chairperson. "Participation in the symposium has likewise increased since participants have been given the opportunity to earn university credit for their attendance," she pointed out.

The symposium, presented by the Indian Heritage Committee and the NSU Division of Social Science, features an impressive roster of guest speakers, including Cherokee medicine man, Crosslin Smith, who will keynote Monday's activities with a 2 p.m. address about the symposium's theme.

Other speakers include Dr. Charles Gourd, Cherokee, planner for the Cookson Hills Community Action Foundation, who will speak on tribal sovereignty Wednesday, at 9 a.m., and Father Martin Brokenleg, Rosebud Sioux, a university professor and Orthodox priest, who will discuss "Indian Ethnicity in Contemporary Indian Religions," at 1 p.m.

At 3 p.m. child welfare specialist Gregory Gomez, Lipan-Mescalero Apache, will deliver a talk entitled "Journey of the First Americans."

Also speaking will be; Susan Harjo, Cheyenne-Creek, executive director of the National Congress of American Indians; Navajo Council Chairman, Peter McDonald; Dr. Spero Manson, Pembina Chippewa; Lucille Echohawk, Pawnee, of the Council of Energy Resource Tribes; Albuquerque attorney Susan Williams, Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux; and Allen Wright, Choctaw, assistant for constituent affairs in the Oklahoma Governor's office.

There will also be a symposium run on Saturday and a pow-wow that evening.

To register or for more information, contact Young at 918-456-5511, extension 3100.

CN Head Start will join "Who Cares for the Children"

Sapulpa Creek Nation Head Start will join in the National Association for the Education of young children to help celebrate the 1988 week of We Care For America's Children. This will coincide with public television's April 13th airing of the important documentary, "Who Cares for the Children?" The state of child care in America.

Creek Nation Head Start teaching staff are recognized as early childhood professionals, and we will help advocate for young Indian children and their families. A calendar of events has already been scheduled for Sapulpa Creek Nation Head Start. Activities planned to highlight the importance of our program are: (1) to involve parents, (2) Local and Tribal Officials, (3) A community wide parade and Balloon Launch, (4) Children's Art will be displayed at our Creek Nation Complex Mound Building, (5) Parent's Luncheon-Indian Tacos, (6) Teacher's Appreciation Day.

We encourage you to visit a Creek Nation Head Start program in your area. Celebrating the week of the young child provides us with an excellent opportunity to focus public attention on the value of quality preschools and the importance of well trained, skilled teachers. Head Start Supervisor, directors, teachers hope that you will be able to take advantage of the opportunity to increase awareness and appreciation for our Creek Nation early childhood programs and the professionals who have responsibility for our society's most valuable resource: Our Children.

CRAFTS SHOW continued. . .

fired, commercial clays and commercial painted pots must be properly labeled. Recognizing the difference in art forms the category is divided into two (2) classes; Wheel-thrown and hand coiled.

Basketry: *Native materials, such as roots and fibers of plants and trees, buckrush, honeysuckle, willow, pine needles, rivercane, split woods, must be used by the artist using methods used by the artist using methods traditional to the Muscogee (Creek) Tribe to create basketry. Basketry was practiced to provide containers and utensils for household needs. Natural dyes are encouraged.* ***Commercial reed and raffie are prohibited.***

Beadwork: *Commercial beads were one of the earliest trade items which the Indian obtained in commerce with the white man. Artists are encouraged to use native materials found suitable such as bone, horn, shell, seeds, with the addition of commercial beads. Designs not of the Muscogee (Creek) Tribe will not be accepted.* ***No safety pin beadwork accepted.*** *There will be two (2) divisions of beadwork: commercially bought beads and traditional beads such as bone, shell, horn, seeds, etc.*

Textiles: *Textiles were an early form of artistic expression for the Muscogee (Creek) Tribe. Examples of acceptable items: weaving, rugs, blankets, items, weaving, rugs, blankets, tapestries, clothing, applique, ribbonwork, quilts, shawls, traditional ceremonial garments, sashes. Sewing machine work is accepted. No commercial made clothing, liquid embroidery or kits allowed.*

Cabin Crafts: *Any article made by hand in, or for use in, a traditional Indian life style of the Muscogee (Creek) Tribe. Examples of acceptable entries: toys, bows and arrows, muscial instruments, utensils, ball sticks, etc.*

SALES

All entries in the 18 and over category must be original work owned by the artist and must be for sale, priced by the artist. Entries marked "Not for Sale" will not be exhibited. A commission fee of 25% will be charged on all sales.

EXHIBITION

The Exhibition will open with a preview opening, June 17, 1988 at 6:00 (location to be announced). Awards will be presented at this time. Exhibiting artists, their families and special guests will be invited to this opening. The exhibit will be on display June 17, 7-9 p.m., June 18, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and June 19, 2-5 p.m. Artists are responsible for transporting entries both to and from the exhibit. All entries must be accompained by an entry form.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION on obtaining entry forms contact: Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Joe Washington, Jr., P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447 or phone 918/756-8700, extension 335.

FORMER CREEK CHIEF DODE McINTOSH CELEBRATED HIS 95th BIRTHDAY *on February 28 with Principal Chief Claude Cox. The two Chiefs discussed the national political situation over lunch at Dode's favorite eatery, Furr's Cafeteria. Later Dode took Chief Cox to his home where he had displayed a birthday greeting from President Reagan. Later in the afternoon, the Mayor of Tulsa visited Dode in his home to bring birthday greetings from the city of Tulsa. Dode served as Creek Chief from 1961 until 1971 when the tribe was allowed to elect its principal officers and Chief Cox was elected. Dode's hometown of Checotah has declared his birthday as "Dode McIntosh Day". Chief McIntosh proudly posed wearing a stomp dance jacket that is well over a century old that belonged to his grandfather, Daniel McIntosh who was a Brigadier General for the Southern Troop in the Civil War. Dode pointed out Daniel was known to wear his sash over the shoulder rather than belted which is the more common practice today. The Chiefs set a meeting for same time, same place - next year.*

Indian National Finals Rodeo Scheduled Nov. 17-20

Bob Arrington, president of the Indian National Finals Rodeo Commission, announced the 1988 INFR would be returning to Tingley Coliseum, Albuquerque NM, Nov. 17-20. The four performance rodeo will feature the top Indian contestants from the nine regions within the United States and Canada.

The New Mexico State Fair Commission and Tourist Bureau of Albuquerque have pledged their cooperation in an effort to make this the biggest and best in INFR history.

Arrington stated the Trade Show and Pow Wow activities will be held in conjunction with the INFR, and stated "the Indian people should be very proud of the INFR".

The five member commission is composed of Arrington, Pete Fredericks, Halliday, ND; Mel Sampson, Wapato, WA; Fred Gladstone, Cardston, Alberta, Canada; and Dean Jackson, Tsaile, AZ. General Manager is Clem McSpadden, Chelsea, OK.

Creek mineral/land owners urged to contact tribal program with concerns-

The Creek Nation Task Force on the Management of Tribal Resources is making a request to Creek mineral and/or land owners who have experienced problems with leases, royalty payments, production reports or any other areas of concern to contact the Creek Nation Realty Management Office, Rodney Durosette, manager, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee OK 74447. Please document in writing any area of concern you might have experienced or are currently experiencing and mail to the above address as soon as possible.

'88 Creek Rodeo Queen Applications Available

ELIGIBILITY RULES

(1) Must be at least 1/4 Creek Indian by blood (C.D.I.B. copy must be attached to form) (2) Must be a current resident of state of Oklahoma (3) 16-25 age limit (proof of age must be attached to form). (4) Must be single, never been married or have children, or get married during her reign as queen, else she will be required to forfeit her title (5) Must be able to ride horse (6) Must provide own horse (7) $25 entry fee.

REQUIREMENTS

(1) The contestant will sell ads for the program as part of the contest (2) Must submit three black and white photos with entry (3) Must submit one page or less background information on self (typed, double spaced) (4) The queen will be expected to appear at both performances of the Creek Nation Rodeo and will be expected to represent Creek Nation at various rodeos and parades throughout the year.

JUDGING

***Horsemanship:** Contestants are required to perform a pre-assigned riding pattern. She will be judged on (1) control of mount and the way each situation which may occur is handled (2) Balance (ability to sit a saddle) (3) Position of hands, feet and seat (4) Mounting and dismounting. The understanding and skills of the contestant will be judged, not the horse or the equipment.*

***Ad Sales:** All ad sales must be turned in by May 23 between the hours of 1:00 p.m and 2:00 p.m. to the treasurer of the Creek Festival Committee, Bob Davis, at the Communication Department. Ad copy will also be accepted at this time. Do not bring ad copy or money before this time. Money must tally with sales. Checks should be made to Creek Festival Committee.*

***Appearance:** The purpose of this judging is to select the girl who rates highest in attractiveness, grooming and photogenic quality. Creek Ribbon Shirts will be worn by the contestants for the judging and throughout the contest and rodeo appearances. The shirts may be any color or style. Accessories (jeans, boots, hats, belts, etc. will be the decision of the contestant- no gloves required, but can be worn) Contestants will be judged on continuity of total Indian cowgirl look.*

***Personality:** Contestants will be judged on intelligence, conversational ability, sense of humor, showmanship, and her ability to project personality, whether it be from on horseback in an arena or before an audience. Each contestant will be required to present a two minute or less recitation on why she wants to become Creek Nation Rodeo Queen and also her feelings about Indian rodeo.*

Judging will take place during the day on Friday, June 17 (location and time to be announced.)

To be selected Creek Nation Rodeo Queen is a very special recognition. The queen will receive rewards and assistance that will be established by the Creek Festival Committee. She is the versed ambassador for the betterment, promotion and understanding of Indian rodeo.

The Creek Nation Rodeo Queen will be recognized as an official representative of the Creek Nation.

Applications are available for entering the 1988-89 Creek Nation Rodeo Queen Contest. The applications can be picked up from Helen Chalakee, contest coordinator, in the Creek Communication Department located in the Tribal Mound at the Complex in Okmulgee or by phone request 918/756-8700 ex. 312. Entry deadline is April 19, 1988- 5:00 p.m.

Creek Women Host OFIW Quarterly Meeting-

By Kathryn Bell

The Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women held their Quarterly Meeting, March 5, at the Muscogee Indian Community Center in Muskogee, with the meeting called to order by OFIW President Shirley Wapskineh.

The Invocation was given by Okemah Randall and the special guest speaker was Mary Jo Cole, Education Director for the Cherokee Nation. Her program, the School-Related Programs, consists of such programs as the JOM and STEP (a teen pregnancy prevention program). She also is on the Steering Committee of the Oklahoma Council on Indian Education (OCIE) which is sponsoring the NIEA Conference in Tulsa in November.

Mrs. Cole, who has been with the Cherokee Nation for seventeen years, talked about the current status of Indian education. Highlighting national Indian education issues which included the reauthorization of Title IV Indian Education; NIEA supports line authority to be given to the Director of Indian Ed to report directly to the Secretary of Education rather than to the Assistant Secretary, and the support of Indian Preference in the Dept. of Indian Ed. Mrs. Cole remarked that out of the 36 member personnel of that Department, only four were Indian.

Another key issue on the national Indian Education scene is the proposal of a White House Conference whereby Indian educators and parents would be invited to the White House to discuss the pertinent issues in Indian Education and arrive at solutions. Mrs. Cole said that since the Indian Education Act was passed in 1972, this had never been done. Also, a Gifted and Talented Program and an Early Childhood Program is being discussed to present to the BIA for consideration for funding on a national level. Mrs. Cole also gave an update on the JOM program and the plans underway to come up with an equal distribution formula for each child in the JOM program nationally.

In local Indian education concerns, Mrs. Cole cited the developments in programs such as hers, (STEP - Serving Teens Through Education in Pregnancy Prevention) that impact on the problem of teen pregnancy, a growing problem among Oklahoma Indian teens - of which our state is fourth in teen pregnancy rates. "80% of these teens drop out of school and never go back or go on to any higher education and the cycle of poverty just goes on," she said, adding, "within two years, statistics show, 60% of these will become pregnant again." She cited the other problems related to this national problem as family and domestic violence, etc. Through Mrs. Cole's STEP program, however, pregnant teens can enroll through the Cherokee-owned Sequoyah High School in Tahlequah and take classes apart from the main classroom settings. Involved in this curriculum are Life Patterns class which teaches the young mothers-to-be birth control education, and child care skills among other necessary skills. There are also facilities for child care.

HELEN CHUPCO, RIGHT, MUSCOGEE NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBER, *served as Hostess of the Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women's Quarterly Meeting, held at the Muskogee Indian Community Center. With her is Leslie Barichello, former Creek Princess and now OFIW member and Coordinator of the OFIW-sponsored Jr. Miss Indian Oklahoma Pageant. Leslie was named to the Dean's Honor Roll at the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Oklahoma where she recently graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration. She is currently completing her LSAT for entrance into law school. Leslie is the Miss Indian Oklahoma for 1984. Mrs. Chupco serves as the Treasurer of the OFIW.*

In other business, the Minutes were read by Dr. Margaret Nelson and the new business discussed was the OFIW Pow-Wow scheduled for March 26.

Time was given during the meeting to Leslie Barichello and Jo Grove, the Jr. Miss Indian Oklahoma Coordinator and Assistant, to introduce two Jr. Miss Indian Oklahoma contestants who were present at the meeting. Leslie and Jo also received a commendation from OFIW for their efforts in the Pageant.

In other business, OFIW members were encouraged to nominate among their members for special awards; the Nancy Tsoodle Achievement Award (boy or girl, 13-17), Georgeann Robinson Humanitarian Award, Mary Townsend Crow Service Award (to any person who has made a contribution of good to Indian people. Nominations from the Federation), Outstanding Indian Woman of the Year (must be a member of the Federation), Indian Mother of the Year (OFIW member) and Evalu Russell Scholastic Award (for MIO contestants only).

Please send your nominations to Eunice Wildcat, 234 S. Indianapolis, Tulsa, OK 74112. All awards will be given at the MIO Pageant in May except the Nancy Tsoodle Award, which was given at the Pow-Wow.

OFIW members wish to thank Helen Chupco, Creek of Muskogee and a Muscogee National Council Member for her role as hostess for the meeting. Mrs. Chupco is the Treasurer of the OFIW. Current OFIW officers are; President - Shirley Wapskineh, First Vice-President - Dr. Margaret Nelson, Second Vice-President - Eunice Wildcat, Corresponding Secretary - Gale Satepauhoodle, Public Relations - Millie Ketcheshawno, Parlimentarian - Mary McCormick, Sargeant at Arms - Evalu Russell, Finance Chairman - Florence Tims, Chaplain - Mamie Echohawk, and Historian, Shannon Freeman.

Miss Indian Oklahoma Pageant Set For May 1-

According to Kathy Hunter, OFIW member, who was present at the March 5 OFIW Quarterly Meeting held in Muskogee, plans are underway for the 1988 Miss Indian Oklahoma Pageant. The Pageant will be held Saturday, May 21, at 7:00 p.m. at the Skirvin Plaza Hotel, One Park Avenue, Oklahoma City. The event is sponsored each year by the Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women.

Contestants must be a legal resident of Oklahoma, be one-fourth or more Indian blood, never have been married nor born a child, and not living with a male. She must be a High School graduate, between the ages of 18-25. Contestants must perform a modern talent and a traditional talent. Miss Indian Oklahoma is chosen through interviews with five judges to determine knowledge of Indian people and the issues affecting them, authenticity of tribal dress, poise, communication skills, interests, scholastic achievements, Indian characteristics and appearance. This is not a beauty contest or a talent contest.

Contestants should be well acquainted with their own tribe's customs, history, dress and language if if possible. For more information, contact Kathy (405) 273-6007 or contact Teresa Shoemaker (918) 456-9847 or your area Federation of Indian Women member.

Tickets are $8, includes pageant program and $5 for children under 12 years of age.

—OBITUARIES—

CLARA BELLE FRANK

Services for Mrs. Clara Belle Frank were held February 25 at the Arbeka Methodist Church west of Okemah with Rev. Mike Harjo officiating. Mrs. Frank died February 22, in the Henryetta Medical Center at the age of 81.

She was born March 17, 1906 in the Kenefic, Oklahoma Indian Territory community. She was a member of the Arbeka Indian Methodist Church. She and her husband Cornelius Frank lived on their farm west of Okemah.

Mrs. Frank is survived by her husband, C.E. Frank of the home; three grandsons, Charlie A. Reeves, Okemah; Hoyle Wade Reeves, Dallas, Tx; and Kenneth Dale Reeves of Okemah; six great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends. A daughter Anna Rudeen Reeves preceded her in death, February 23, 1978.

WILLIAM HARJO JR.

William Harjo Jr., 28 year old resident of Hanna died March 6, in a Tulsa hospital.

Mr. Harjo was born April 20, 1959. He is survived by his wife, Joanna Harjo, of the home; two sons, Jonathan and Bill Harjo of the home, two daugthers, Shelley and Christie, also of the home; his parents William Harjo of Holdenville, and Eileen Hobin of Wetumka; three brothers, Floyd Harjo of Choctaw, Vincent Harjo of Holdenville and Cletis Cully of Wetumka; one sister, Loretta Hobin of Wetumka; his grandmother, Nora Bruner of Wetumka.

Services were held March 9, under the direction of the Shurden Funeral Home.

WADDIE ALBERT

Waddie L. Albert, resident of Okmulgee, OK. died February 25, 1988. He was approximately 101 years of age.

Mr. Albert was born April 21 in the late 1880's in Okemah Indian Territory. He was a veteran of World War I and was the oldest living member of the Okmulgee VFW Post 1189. He was a member of High Springs Baptist Church and had been an Okmulgee resident for many years.

Survivors include one son, Virgil C. Albert of Tucson, Az., five daughters, Lillian Leybas, Gladys Landsberry, Joan Daggett and Sue White all of Okmulgee and Nancy Kaler of Weleetka; 36 grand children, 49 great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

Services were held February 29 at the Arbeka Indian Baptist Church with Rev. John Lowe officiating. Full military honors were conducted by members of the Okmulgee VFW Post 1189. Pallbearers were: Eddie Robison, James Morgan, Ron Thompson, Kenneth Blair, Gary Fleetwood and J.R. Gardenhire.

SHAWNEY HARDRIDGE

Shawney Hardridge, an 80 year old resident of Kellyville, Ok. died at Bartlett Memorial Medical Center, Sapulpa, OK., January 31, 1988.

Shawney was born September 6, 1907 in the Pickett area and was a member of the Pickett United Methodist Church.

Shawney Hardridge

He is survived by his wife of the home Annie Hardridge and six children; Shawney Hardridge Jr. of Fremont, CA., Nellie Whitten and Linda Watkins of Anderson, S.C., Janice O'Shields of Sapulpa, Susanna Grayson of Okmulgee and Rowena Tarpalechee of Morris, Ok.

Services were held at the Pickett Methodist Church, burial was at the Hardridge Family Cemetery of Kellyville.

GEORGE J. TIGER

George J. Tiger, 79, resident of Glenpool, passed away Tuesday, March 22. Burial service was held Friday at the Regular Baptist Church in Jenks and an Indian Prayer Service was held Thursday evening at the Leonard Funeral Home Chapel in Bixby.

Survivors include his wife, Lena of the home; daughters Jane Cornell, Rockledge, FL, Delores Freeman, Fayetteville, NC; sons, Connie Mack Tiger, Glenpool, Daniel Tiger, Tulsa; sister Winey Harjo, Bristow; four grandchildren.

Note of Appreciation

The family of Waddy Albert would like to express our thanks and appreciation to Jack Hicks, VFW Post 1189, Jack Joe Asbury, VFW Post 539 of Henryetta and John McIntosh, VEV Creek Nation, also Kay Crawford and ladies auxilliary, Post 1189 and Pauline Randall and ladies of Arbeka Church and the Creek Nation CHR Program.

Letter from Evangelist Ernest Best. . .

"For whosoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whosoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it." *Mark 8:35*

God brings wonderful things to the life of the Christian servant who seriously lives with the purpose of reaching everyone everywhere with the Gospel. When we live as witnesses, Jesus promises that we will save our lives. He makes it clear that when we spend our lives for ourselves, we lose. We miss the real purpose of life. In such a case, when life ends, we might well admit that life has been meaningless. On the other hand, Jesus also declares that when we spend our lives for His sake and the Gospel's we find the real purpose for life.

Jesus says in John 13:17, "If you know these things, happy are you if you do them." Joy in life runs in direct proportion to doing the will of God. It becomes God's responsibility to fill our lives with joy as we do His will. In her book, "A Closer Walk" Catherine Marshall wrote: "He can make even danger and hardship seem joyous. He understands things about human nature that we grasp only dimly; few of us are really challenged by the promise of soft living, by an emphasis on 'me first' or by a life of easy compromise."

Some of the greatest of Christ's servants, who have invested the most for their Lord, have said, "In the light of Calvary's cross, I never made a sacrifice." They rejoiced in the privilege of having the Spirit of glory and of God upon them.

In February, I preached and shared our work, and showed slides of our work in Maranatha Baptist Church and Hillcrest Heights Baptist Church, in Oklahoma City. I was in a Missions Conference at Westchester Baptist Church, in Mustang, OK. God blessed each day, and we had a good time of fellowship with the people.

I preached and showed slides in Trinity Baptist Church in Strawn, Texas. It seemed for a while we weren't going to get to show the slides, because the slide tray wouldn't fit down on the projector. But, after a while it did work. Satan will try anything. We had a great time of fellowship with the pastor and family. On February 14, we were with Bro. John Blackwood, Cornerstone Baptist Church, Westville, OK. I preached, Jerry sang for both services and I showed slides in the evening, also. The Lord blessed with good services and good fellowship.

On the 21st, Jerry and I were in services with Big Arbor Indian Baptist Church near Eufaula. Last week, we were in a Missions Conference with Bro. Jerry McDonald, Calvary Baptist Church, Eufaula, where I told about this work, and showed slides of our work and the needs of our Indian people on reservations and the growing number of Indian people in large cities.

February was a busy month and we traveled many miles. How we thank God for His traveling grace and protection each day. We have great news this month. Our daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth and Art Cochrane, will be joining us in our ministry the first of April. They will be traveling with us, helping in the teaching, music and office work. Art has made a trip with us to Pine Ridge, South Dakota. We will be telling you about that in next month's letter. We thank you for your prayers for our health. We are feeling better. We still have some problems and ask that you continue to pray for us. Thank you for your cards and letters. We always enjoy them and they are an encouragement to us. We praise God for your financial support. You will rejoice together with us in heaven when we see what God has done through this ministry.

Your Missionaries to the North American Indians,
Bro. Ernest and Bennie Best

Bemo Church to Celebrate Easter; Communion Sunday on April 17

By Deacon Whitecloud

On church meeting Saturday night February Business meeting; Pastor Jim Alexander resigned to move on to another field of work, by returning back to his mother church - Oakhurst.

Church meeting, February 20, Business meeting; Jacob Harjo has been given authority as Chairman and all the recognition as Exhorter until further notice.

Fourth Sunday Church meeting, morning devotion given by Andy Lowe. Morning Service message by Chairman Jacob Harjo. Mrs. Andy Lowe came forward to join Bemo Church by statement and by letter.

On April 17, Bemo Church will celebrate Easter two weeks later and also observe Communion Sunday. We will have egg hunts for five groups and prizes in each division.

Afternoon messages were delivered by Rev. Harley Barnowski from Vian Creek and Rev. George Doyle from Snake Creek Church. Other churches represented were Thewarlee, Broken Arrow, Cedar Creek, Yardeka and Haikey Chapel.

Future dates: May - Mother's Day observation; June - Father's Day observation; July - Lords Supper. Everyone welcomed one and all.

Bible missing for 30 years finds its way back to family of Creek minister

LARRY BIBLE, CREEK AND THE GLENPOOL POLICE CHIEF *presents a Bible owned by the late Rev. Simon Wilson to this daughter, Pauline Asbury of Glenpool. The Bible, written in the Muscogee (Creek) language was found by a construction worker in Sapulpa as he prepared to tear down an old house- it was lodged inside the wall, apparently for the 30 years since the Rev. Wilson's death. Through a series of interesting moves, it came into the possession of the Police Chief and he in turn returned it to the family.*

By Kathryn Bell

A family mystery, involving the lost Bible of the patriarch of a Creek family, was solved recently through the aid of Larry Bible, Glenpool police chief, also Creek. He related that a Bible, written in the Muscogee (Creek) language was brought to him in January by the Tulsa Police Chaplain, Danny Linchard. The Bible, which couldn't be identified because it was written in Creek, had been found by a construction worker in an abandoned house in Sapulpa. The construction worker was in the process of tearing the house down, when he saw the book wedged in the wall of the crumbling house--a well-worn, but remarkably preserved Bible. The worker turned the book over to the Chaplain, a friend of the worker. The Chaplain, in turn, took it to the Police Chief, who found a small, yellowed Christmas tag inside, that bore the inscription, "To Rev. Simon Wilson from the Fox family..." Bible called some Creeks in Sapulpa and through them, identified the family of the Rev. Simon Wilson, who died in 1956.

Returned to one of his daughters, Pauline Asbury, of Glenpool, neither she nor her three sisters know how their father's Bible found it's way inside the wall of the home in Sapulpa. But Mrs. Asbury was glad to have it returned, and called the mysterious finding of such a treasured possession of their fathers, as the work of God. The book, unique in that it was an original edition written in the Muscogee language, also contained a yellowed small photo of an Indian man that the family could not identify.

"I was so tickled and surprised when Larry brought me my father's Bible- I was so glad it had been found," Mrs. Asbury, who is fluent in Creek, said of the missing Bible, a legacy of her family.

According to his daughter, the Rev. Simon Wilson was born June 16, 1895 and pastored at the Little Cussetah Indian Baptist for many years. He and his wife, Lydia Cosar raised nine children around the Bixby area. Four of those children, all daughters are surviving; Annie Mae Wilson, Juanita Wilson, Martha Fox and Pauline Asbury.

According to Mrs. Asbury (who had been told by her uncle, Edward Leader) her father had been called to the ministry while still in his teens. His years of service at that church involved him also serving as Treasurer of the church in the early 1900's when it was first established. "Our church was organized in 1892 on Polecat Creek near it's present location and the name of it then was "Wakakize" which means "laying cranes," because there were so many cranes who laid eggs in the cliffs on Polecat Creek," related Mrs. Asbury, who added that the founder of the church was William Eufaula, who was born in Alabama in 1811.

During the course of time, Rev. Eufaula helped establish a church near Polecat Creek, then moved on a 20-acre area near the original site. The name of the church was changed to Little Cussetah because many of the people came from Cussetah town.

Rev. William Eufaula died in 1899, and in 1949, a group of members led by Edward Leader, broke the ground for the educational building and Little Cussetah thus became the first Indian Baptist Church to begin an educational building and the first Indian church to have a baptistry built on the inside of the church.

Mrs. Asbury in working on a church history of the Little Cussetah Church.

CREEKS IN THE NEWS

Wendy Simmers

Creek completes board of cosmetology course. . .

Wendy Simmers has completed the Course of Beauty Culture prescribed by the Board of Cosmetology and received a diploma March 11 from the Tulsa Academy of Hairstyling. He is the son of Lois Hicks, Tulsa and the grandson of Nevada Simmers, Okmulgee and Abraham Simmers of Tulsa. He is a member of the Newtown Church and a former student of Okmulgee High School.

Creek student competes in scholastic meet. . .

Sharon Jo Jones, a sophomore and Creek at Bowlegs High School, earned the right to participate in the Scholastic Meet at Seminole Jr. College March 2. She participated in Typing I. She is a member of the Beta Club and on the Principal's Honor Roll and the daughter of Tarpie and Amy Yargee of Wewoka.

Creek is All-American for Adams State Team. . .

John Richburg, Creek, 1985 graduate of Sulphur High School, attended his third national Collegiate Wrestling Tournament and earned his second All-American status.

Richburg was the highest finisher and posted 4th, his final loss (2-1) in the 3rd place match was to a grappler from Southern Oregon College at Ashland, Ore.

Nationals were held March 2-5 at Pacific Lutheran College in Tacoma, Wa.

Richburg was selected to travel during the summer to Australia on the NAIA All-Star Team.

Richburg attends Adams State in Alamosa, CO. Four of the eight grapplers from Adams State College earned All-American honors.

Richburg was one of Sulphur's all time best while wrestling for the Sulphur High School team and won the state championship title in his weight division. He also was an outstanding lineman for the Sulphur High Bulldogs.

Richburg is the son of David and Ruby Richburg, and grandson of the late Charley and Annie Tiger of Wetumka, OK.

Creek songwriter has composition published. . .

Grace Wiley Smith, a native of Sapulpa has recently had a musical composition published by Medici Music Press. Her composition was written for flute and piano. It is titled "Whisper on the Land." The music is an expression of how the Native American has been influenced by modern society while maintaining their heritage roots. The piece opens with the reminiscent sound of the Native American Indian flute. The middle section is a development of that style with more contemporary influences.

Grace is the daughter of Harmon and Anna Lee Wiley, Miami. She is the granddaughter of the late Adam and Melissa (Kanard) Wiley. Her education includes a BME and MME in flute from Central State University, Edmond. She is a student of Feodora Steward. Grace performed in Recital April 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Little Auditorium in the Music Building at Central State in Edmond.

Wacoche Family Reunion

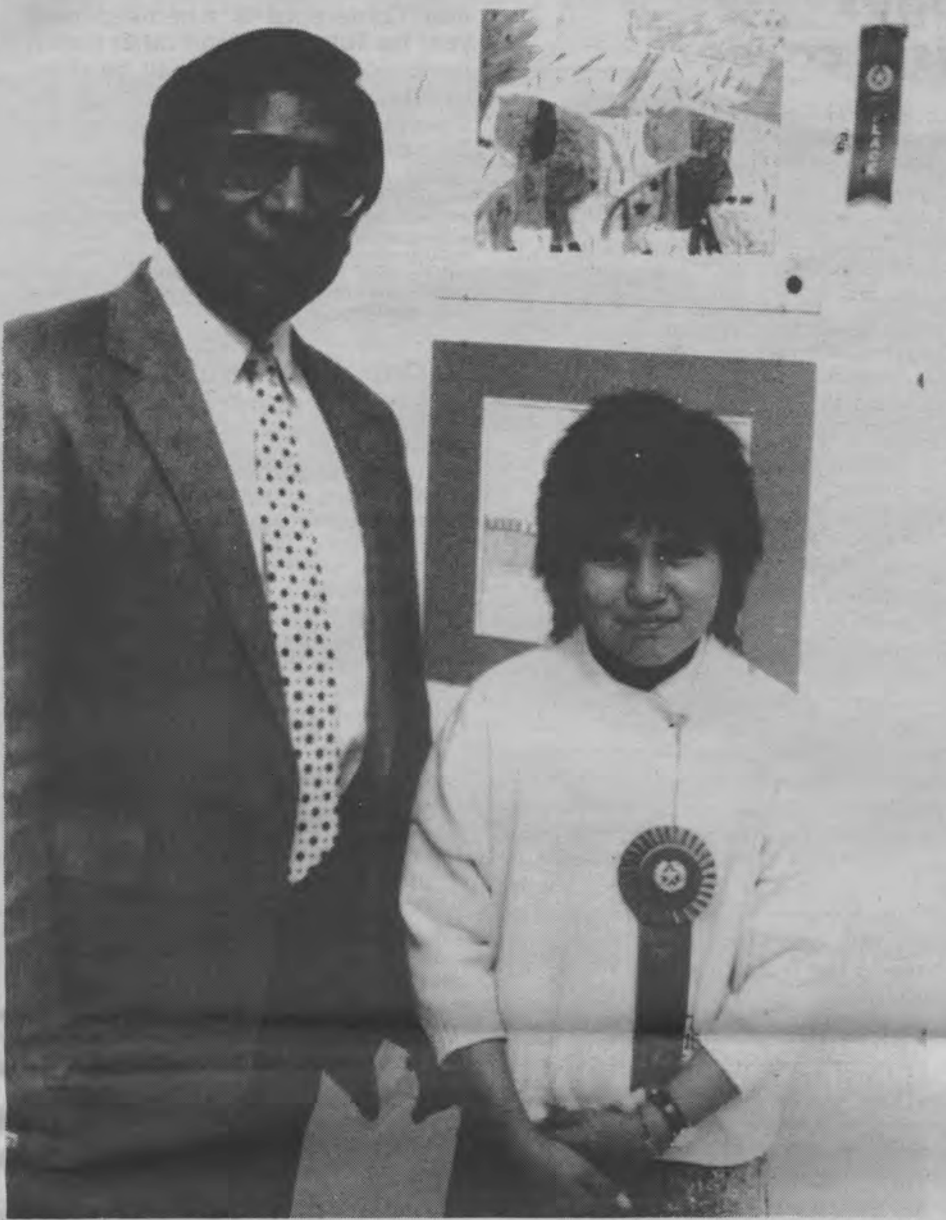
The Second Annual Wacoche Family reunion will be held May 28 at 10 a.m. in the Wacoche Cafeteria at Bacone College, Muskogee. For more information on the reunion, contact Jean Wacoche Berryhill, (918) 756-8619.

Creek students compete in county spelling bee. . .

The Seminole County Spelling Bee was held February 25 at the Northwood Elementary School in Seminole. Those Creek students participating were; from Justice Public School - Esther Jo Yargee, fifth grader, the daughter of Tarpie and Amy Yargee of Wewoka; Kerri Harrison, sixth grader, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harrison; Edwin Deere, a fifth grader and son of Jerry and Nora Deere; from Konawa - Janet Johnson, sixth grader and daughter of Frank and Linda Johnson of Konawa. Carol Harrison accompanied the students and served as judge for the spelling bee.

Creeks among winners in OU's "Drawing My People"

Norman--Winners recently have been selected for "Drawing My People", an art contest for Native American young people sponsored by the University of Oklahoma Museum of Art. The competition was organized to foster the work of Indian youth and to showcase Native American culture in a university setting. The event was coordinated by museum intern Linda Richey, an OU student in art history. The students' work will be displayed in museums, libraries, community centers and special events throughout the United States for one year. Awards were given for first, second and third place, and honorable mention to four age groups: 7-9 years, 13-15 years and 16-18 years. First-place winners received a prize of $100.



BLUE RIBBON WINNER TAHNEE AHTONE HARJO *of Ridge View School in Oklahoma City stands under her picture, "American Buffalo Dust", which won her first place in the 7 to 9 year-old category at an exhibition at the University of Oklahoma Museum of Art. Harjo, who tribal affiliations are Kiowa and Creek, is the daughter of Ames and Sharon Ahtone Harjo. State Senator Enoch Kelly Haney (left) of Seminole presented awards at an opening day reception for participants in the "Drawing of My People" competition sponsored by the OU Museum of Art.*

(OU Photo by Gil Jain)

JANITA SCREECHOWL WON FIRST PLACE *in the "Keep Your Dreams Alive: Don't Drink And Drive" poster and essay contest sponsored by the Tulsa County Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving and the Tulsa Promenade. Hers was one of 350 entries from Tulsa area schools. Janita is a sophomore at Sapulpa High.*

Jason Neal Armstrong

Checotah youth places second in art contest-

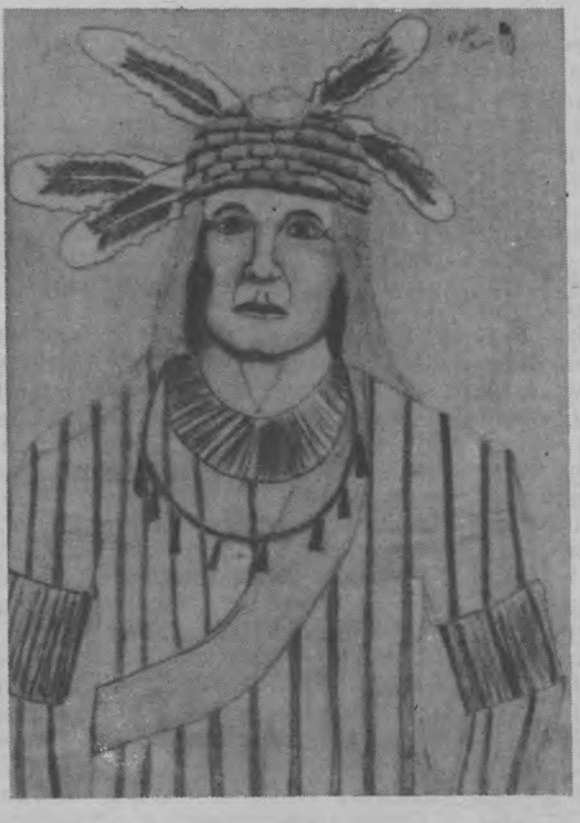
On February 26, 1988 Jason Neal Armstrong was awarded 2nd place and honorable mention on his art work, in his grade level. He was *among one of the 1,800 entrants in* the "Visions of the Universe" contest.

Jasons, artwork has been selected to be displayed at the Capitol in Washington, D.C. for two weeks along with the other 16 1st and 2nd place winners.

Jason is the son of Martha Armstrong of Checotah and Fred Armstrong of Okmulgee. He attends the 3rd grade at Marshall Elementry School in Checotah.

Other Winners-

ENTERED IN THE "DRAWING MY PEOPLE" COMPETITION *by the University of Oklahoma Museum of Art, were two Creek students, Geneva Rabbit, left, and Christopher Dunn, both of the Morris School System. Christopher, the son of Barbara and George Dunn, is 7 and his entry was "Race Horse" and Geneva Rabbit, 17, submitted "Fancy Deer." Mekko Riley, also a student at Morris won Second Place in the 10-12 age category for his drawing "Early Historic Creek." All of these works by the young Native American artists may be booked for exhibit by state groups.*



"Early Historic Creek"

-by Mekko Riley of Morris is the second place winner in the 10-12 year-old category in the "Drawing Of My People" competition.

(OU photo by Gil Jain)

Creek journalist, Gary Fife, encourages Indian students to consider jounralism career

CREEK JOURNALIST GARY FIFE, right, INTERVIEWS NAPA PRESIDENT *Mike Burgess just after Burgess was re-elected to the NAPA Board of Directors at the organization's annual conference held recently in Denver. Fife is the managing editor and anchorman for "National Native News" produced by Alaskan Public Radio Network. The program is aired on KOSU-Stillwater, KWGS-Tulsa, KGOU-Norman and KCSU-Edmond.*

By Helen Chalakee

Gary Fife, a Creek/Cherokee journalist, presented a workshop at the recent Native American Press Association (NAPA) Conference in Denver on the basics of broadcast reporting. Gary is the managing editor and anchorman for "National Native News" produced by the Alaskan Public Radio Network.

Gary's roots are bound in Oklahoma. In an interview with MNN, he told of graduating from Will Rogers High School in Tulsa and then entering NSU at Tahlequah where he planned to study geology. Being heavily influenced by Indian activists at that time (late 60's) over the many problems Indian people were facing, he chose instead to study journalism as an attempt to help influence people's understanding of those problems.

After three years at NSU, he opted for a more liberal academic atmosphere choosing nearby Flaming Rainbow, known as the "University Without Walls" to complete his studies.

Gary later interned with an Indian legislative group in Washington, D.C., the Indian Legal Information Development Service (ILIDS) known as "eyelids". He wanted to be on the national scene and figured D.C. was the place to be to get things done.

Attracted by the intensity of being right on the doorstep of national issues, he wanted to be in the position of letting tribal people know what was coming down through federal orders before they actually happened.

He explained the need for tribes to be current on issues so immediate action could be taken, not weeks later when in some instances it could be too late. He feels Creeks, and all Indian people, need to be the first to know what will affect them, citing, "informed people are a strong people."

"Radio broadcasting is a natural extension of our oral tradition, same as the camp crier," he said.

He went on to talk about the few Creeks who are actually involved in the communication field and his thoughts on encouraging this interest to Creek students who may want to become professional journalists. "Creeks are well represented here at the conference, moreso than any other tribe- but we need more so the Creek Nation can keep its place on the national level, it's our duty and responsibility to let our tribe know and in the most natural way (broadcast, in reference to oral tradition.)"

"It's exciting to get behind the scenes. . .to know you must present news in a clear, responsible and fair manner. Cultural differences are very strong. . .that's why we need more and more native reports," he said.

"We've outlived a lot of our opposition- for those of us that took a stand in journalism, it's paying off- like Creek Nation standing up to state government flexing our muscles on a government to government stance. Our people need to know about these things, especially from an Indian viewpoint," he said.

"There are problems crying for close examination," he stated, "journalism is an extension of activists tactics- calling attention to our problems." Speaking of the current congressional investigation of the BIA he said, "it had to happen. . .but it had to initiate from the native people. Journalists are warrior status, only now our weapons are different. We have to use technology as a tool," he said.

In selecting radio broadcast as a career, Gary described its intensity, "It's hard news. You get in and then get out. . .move on. You have called attention to the matter, then print can continue with details." He says to be a good reporter, "you underplay the role- make news the star, we're just the guys that deliver it. Its a service that comes through working hard and being the guy that delivers."

Academic preparation in writing and English skills are the essentials for anyone thinking of becoming a journalist, "Some of our young people may not think they have the qualifications, but they can if they stay with getting a good basic grounding and learn not to be afraid to take on new people. . .learned skills can take care of fear," he said.

"Our people are going to have to be competitive- have to be better than non-native media. You will be criticized, but learn to use it constructively."

Gary spoke of the personal satisfaction with a journalism career, . . ."eventually, you will make a decent salary- it all depends on how far you want to go. If it's freedom and flexibility and performing a job well done, then its worth its weight in gold," he said.

Gary is a career veteran of American Indian journalism in the fields of print, video, television, and radio before joining Alaskan Public Radio Network in 1986, he worked as a print and broadcast journalist in Minneapolis and Washington, D.C. In 1987, he was awarded an NPR Residency in News and Information; in 1984 he was selected as an Outstanding Young Man of America; and in 1978 he was the first Native American selected as a Ford Fellow in Educational Journalism.

The Native American Press Association Conference is scheduled next year for Tulsa. Gary and other Indian professional journalists will be there to offer suggestions and support for students who are considering the field of journalism.

NAPA offers a $1,000 student scholarship annually to an outstanding Indian journalism student, and four educational scholarship awards of $500 for general excellence. Inquiries regarding these or any other Indian journalism matters may be directed to: Native American Press Association, Susan Arkeketa, P.O. Box 1734, Boulder, Colorado 80306-1734.

Indian journalists attend 4th NAPA conference-

By Kathryn Bell

The Fourth Annual Native American Press Association (NAPA) Conference was held in Denver March 17-19. The conference closed Saturday with an awards luncheon, with special guest speaker, Hattie Kauffman, Nez Perce, a news correspondent for "Good Morning America".

Receiving an "overall excellence" award at the luncheon which honors Indian Country's best writers, reporters and newspapers, was the "Windspeaker" publication.

Receiving an honorable mention for "Best Spot News Photo" was Gary Robinson for his photo of the Will Sampson funeral procession appearing in the June, 1987 issue of the Muscogee Nation News. Michael Burgess, NAPA Board President, presented the awards.

The three-day conference, which coincided with the Denver Pow-Wow included panel discussions and workshops dealing with the conference theme- "Journalism- A Profession for Indian People". Workshops were held on journalism ethics and responsibilities, newspaper editing, interviewing techniques, Indian radio, basic video production, newspaper management, advertising, broadcast reporting, news writing, mass communication and the law, video scriptwriting, layout and design, photojournalism, fundraising and census information and statistics.

On the opening day of the conference, Mark Trahant, of the Arizona Republic, gave the opening address on the status of Indian journalism in the country. Trahant, well-known Indian journalist and member of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribe of Fort Hall, Idaho, has been the recipient of the Heywood Broun Award and was voted 1985 Editor of the Year by the National Press Foundation for helping to make Navajo Times Today, the nation's first Indian daily newspaper. Mark is also one of two candidate finalists for the coveted Pulitzer Prize.

Conference coordinator was Susan Arkeketa, Oklahoma Creek, who currently works with the NARF Legal Review and is a NAPA board member.

In addition to the workshops and panel discussions, the NAPA membership held an election for four board positions. Elected were Minnie Two Shoes- relected, Mike Burgess- relected, Bert Crowfoot and John Teiman.

Major issues discussed at the NAPA conference were Indian Civil Rights and the responsibility and code of ethics that Indian journalists must adhere to in their respective journalistic careers- to fairly and accurately explore and show all sides of Indian issues. Minnie Two Shoes, a long-time Indian journalist and journalism graduate student at the University of Missouri at Columbia, summed up that responsibility in a panel discussion on "Freedom of the Press, Indian Issues and Concerns"; "We as Indian journalists need to get educated about our profession and then get serious about it- it is not only the non-tribal media's ignorance of our people that is hurting us, but our own people's ignorance of the issue and laws affecting us as well."

Creek Manager Named to Governor's Commission on the Status of Women

CN COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER, HELEN CHALAKEE, *is shown (right) at a March 3 dinner of the Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women held in Tulsa. Mrs. June Scobee (center) wife of the late Challenger Commander Dick Scobee, was the guest speaker and presented a talk on the proposed Challenger Center for Space Science Education of which she is the Board Chairman. Also representing the Indian community of Tulsa at the Mayor's Dinner, was Pam Iron (left), Executive Director of the Indian Health Care Resource Center.*

By Kathryn Bell

Helen Chalakee, Communications Department Manager at Creek Nation, was recently appointed to the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women. The appointment was made January 11 by Governor Henry Bellmon. The Commission was initiated by Bellmon during his term of office as Governor in 1963 with the objective of providing support, advise, information and leadership on the concerns of women.

The Women's Commission was implemented nationally in 1962 by President Kennedy. "Since 1963, our state governors have come and gone, some of them supported the need for the commission while others didn't see any necessity for it - but after Bellmon's re-entry into governorship, he stated that he was very much aware of the dramatic change of the role of women in our society, especially in the workplace," explained Chalakee, adding that the Governor feels that society must learn to better accomodate this new reality.

Although initially surprised at the appointment, Chalakee said she was at first skeptical of the intent of Governor's appointment- "particularly when I realized that the Commission Chairperson was Mrs. Ross Swimmer. . .being an Indian journalist for the Creek Nation and heading up a state-wide Indian voter registration project for the past few years has placed me in more than a few precarious positions," she said, "and it just didn't seem logical for the Governor to appoint me into a position that obviously would warrent support, when only a few months before the Governor had directed me to leave a meeting he was conducting- one that I thought I should cover concerning state-tribal legislation which would have placed Oklahoma Indian Tribes under state jurisdiction. Mr. Ross Swimmer was the author of the proposed lethal legislation and the one person whose actions I had been journalistically monitoring since his appointment as the Assistant Secretary of the Bureau of Indian Affairs," she quipped, further explaining her chagrin, "my initial reaction was that these people are trying to neutralize me"- but, she added quickly, "after considering the appointment for a while I realized that we do need Indian spokespeople in these positions, and for too long Indians have either not been asked, or have rejected the idea of of involvement in state government."

"The more I thought about it, the more I could see a way to introduce Indian women's concerns into the overall system. Essentially, they are the same issues as those of non-Indian women, yet unique because traditionally they have been isolated and categorized due to the uniqueness of Indian lifestyle and cultural patterns, " she remarked, adding emphatically, "Indian women are strong thinkers and survivors, but somewhat submissive to dominance in some cases, this, I believe, afflicts us with undo burdens that ultimately keep us sidetracked from our potentials."

Explaining her statement, Ms. Chalakee lists these distractions, which she says are common outside the Indian framework and must be dealt with in the same manner - single parenting, child care, education, and health care for women and their children -"all of these issues are relevant to major non-Indian women's concerns," she said.

Attempting to deal with the complex problems encountered by single parenting by women, is a problem of paramount proportions, but one the Commission hopes to impact on - "women who maintain families face special obstacles which, when combined, tend to account for that fact that almost half of all poor persons live in families headed by women," Helen continued, citing the obstacles as; generally lower earnings, lower than average educational attainment, lack of skills required for higher paying jobs and lack of flexibility concerning working hours due to family responsibilities.

Continuing, Helen addressed a primary area of concern by the Commission on the plight of single mothers working and trying to raise their families - the need for day care - "The majority of women work because of economic need so the need for day care for children has greatly increased over the past 20 years and is expected to continue into the 1990's. Mothers raising children by themselves often receive no support from the absent father. Families maintained by women have a poverty rate of three times that of all families and five times the rate for married couple families."

On this critical issue, Helen recounted that Governor Bellmon at the first meeting of the Commission, gave as his first commission mandate - to address the need for availibility of day care services. "The Governor told the Commission that he believes there is a direct link between child care, family support and economic development," she said. The Governor has also asked for Commission input in formulating legislation concerning Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC). In his address to the Commission, the Governor expressed concern that fathers were being forced to leave their families, so the family could be eligible for assistance. He felt this was encouraging some families to break up, and thus it was better to keep families intact with assistance rather than force one parent out.

The aftermath of that meeting with the Governor, Ms. Chalakee related, caused her to see the Governor from another perspective - "I walked away from that meeting thinking, maybe this man really does have a heart...anyway, it was the first time I had heard an elected Republican official talk like that!" she laughed. "In fact," she said, "the Governor's comments brought to mind a poem by an Indian poet who must have known what this man was talking about-"

Another major issue affecting the status of women in this state and nationally, is teen pregnancy - again the Commission has rolled up their shirtsleeves to tackle this growing problem. Helen, who was elected vice-chair of the second congressional district and volunteer for the legislative committee, explained what is being done by the Commission - "I am working with a woman legislator, Rep. Linda Larasan, a Democrat from Oklahoma City, who introduced a bill concerning teen pregnancy entitled, "Investment in Future Families Act." This legislation called for mandatory sex education in our school systems with a measure designed to force parents to be financially responsible for the offspring of their dependent children. The Bill passed the House, minus the sex education and was killed in the Senate Judiciary Committee, "Chalakee stated.

"Last year, Linda, a two-term legislator, introduced a resolution to implement a task force to study teen pregnancy and sex education as a solution because Oklahoma now stands fourth in the nation in number of teen pregnancies," she said, pointing out that the effort continues in spite of setbacks to impact a problem that is growing at an alarming rate; 1986 statistics indicate that 7,894 teenagers gave birth- including three children who were 11, three who were 12 and 19 who were 13. 108 of these cases were 14 years of age.

Statistics show many reasons for concern about teen pregnancy- last year Oklahomans were relieved of $38.5 million to support out-of-wedlock babies in direct payments for medical care, food stamps and AFDC. On that note, Ms. Chalakee said, "Linda doesn't intend on giving up the issue- she said that depending on her re-election, she will re-introduce the legislation again. She says there are not a lot of constituients calling their legislators to support the action and a group (pro-family forum) has put out distorted information and used scare tactics to debase the intent of the legislation. But she

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feels it was a major victory just to get the issue out for discussion."

Reflectively, Helen conceded that she had found her niche on the women's commission - with a goal of solving the many complex issues of the status of women in the state - many of which she can relate to personally, "Being married myself at a very early age and having three children before I was twenty and then divorced, gives me a fairly good insight into the problems faced by the Commission," she said.

Concluding that Mrs. Swimmer is an "excellent" chairwoman, but adding, "I marvel at some of the ladies who came to the first meeting denying they knew anything about problems that Oklahoma women encounter. Where have these women been?...is Oklahoma so backward that you're not considered a "nice" lady unless you shield yourself from the realities of life- more than likely these stereotypical women are afraid to openly discuss and advocate the need for mandatory sex education in our schools- possibly confusing education with methodology."

Ms. Chalakee has been manager of the Creek Nation Communications Department for ten years and is an involved observer and outspoken participant on national and state issues that affect Indian people.

She studied journalism at NEOSU, Tahlequah, and is an active advocate for Indian journalism in Oklahoma. She is one of the founders of "OK Indians Vote", a political education and voter registration project aimed at impacting the Indian vote in Oklahoma for the United Indian Nations in Oklahoma (UINO). She also serves as auxilliary chair for the Mvskoke Chapter Vietnam Era Veteran Inter-tribal Assoc.; a member of Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women, and a member of Rogers State College KXON TV Advisory Board for Indian programming.

Chalakee holds to a very rigid philosophy concerning her Indian blood quantum, "Those of us who are less than full-blood struggle alongside our full-blood relatives and friends every day to protect Indian sovereignty and identity. . .we maintain an inherent interest to protect that part of us that is Indian. She went on to say that, "we mix and mingle with the non-Indian world because it is necessary for survival- through conflict and accomodation, we have created a cultural hybredism that is unique." She added, "Reflections of our culture aspires in the everyday life of both urban and rural Indian people, whether it be in painting, poetry, writing, politics, professional service, or socializing- I think Indian people are living proof that culture is flexible, resilient and everchanging, but with a core so organic the BIA can't even uproot it." Chalakee says these are the concepts she carries over into each project she begins.

RESISTANCE IN 1951

By Jimmy Durham

In a tar-paper shack in that thin desert
Which lies between each town and the praries
He sat on a bed where his brothers and sisters
Were sleeping.

He wanted to go outside
But he listened to his father
And his mother talking.

His father was scheming one of those plans
Warriors of this century dream up:

"Look at my hands, woman. I can't work that job
Tommorrow. My fingers won't even bend anymore.
Where will we get food? Look if I was
In jail the country would feed you and the kids."

His mother was crying very quietly because the kids
Were asleep. His mother was crying the next
Week when they came and said that his father
Was in jail for forging a check and getting drunk.

He listened to the welfare agent explain
To his mother that she had certainly picked
The wrong man as father for those poor children.

Just a drunken Indian who stole.
"Don't worry, we'll keep him for a long time so
He won't bother you anymore. Find yourself
A responsible man."

Red Cloud Art Show to Open June 12-

Benefactors of American Indian artists have provided more than $9,000 in awards for this year's Red Cloud Indian Art Show, which opens June 12 at Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

Now in its 20th year, the Red Cloud Show is open to all Native American artists--Indian, Eskimo and Aleut-- 18 years or older, and is the nation's largest show of its kind.

No entry fees are charged, and the show is admission free to the public, June 12 through August 14. Artists wishing to enter their works can get entry forms and details by writing to The Heritage Center, Inc., Red Cloud Indian School, Pine Ridge, South Dakota 57770.

DIVISION I-PAINTINGS

Each artist may enter three pieces, using any one of the following media in each: oil, tempera, casein, encaustic, polymer, acrylic. $300 in Merit Awards.

DIVISION II-PAINTINGS

Restricted to works in water color. Each artist may enter three pieces. $300 in merit awards.

DIVISION III-GRAPHICS

pencil, pen & ink, pastel, crayon, wash, charcoal. Felt-pen works not acceptable. Each artist may enter three pieces. $300 in merit awards.

DIVISION IV-MIXED MEDIA

For works using two or more media in any mixed technique. Each artist may enter three pieces. $300 merit awards.

DIVISION V-THREE DIMENSIONAL WORKS

Sculpture, carvings, three dimensional works, with exception of pottery, in any media. Weight limit: 100 lbs. Each artist may enter two pieces. $300 in merit awards.

SPECIAL AWARDS

in addition to the above merit awards, $2,000 has been provided for purchase awards. Purchase award works become part of the permanent collection of The Heritage Center, Inc. of Red Cloud Indian School.

SALES

All works must be for sale. a fee of 20% of the selling price of each work sold will be collected by The Heritage Center to defray shipping and exhibit costs. If, in the judgement of the jurors, any entry has been purposely raised in price to avoid sale, they shall reject it. All works must remain on exhibit until end of show. Works not exhibited will be placed in stands for browsing and purchase.

SPECIFICATIONS

All works in the first four divisions must be matted or framed. No glass, please. Plexiglass OK. All works must be original and must have been produced by living artists within the past two years.

DEADLINES

If you intend to enter artwork in this show please let us know by card or letter before may 1 how many works you intend to enter in each division. Artwork must be at Red Cloud Indian School before May 22. Firmly affix any entry form to the back of each piece of art.

OU Professor Discusses "Indian Progress: Real or Apparent?" at Nat'l Conference

An underclass that crosses racial and ethnic lines has been created by the withdrawal of social programs in the United States in the last two decades, according to participants in a national conference, which assessed the situation in America 20 years after the President's National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders issued its historic report.

The conference on The Kerner Report: Twenty Years Later expanded its focus to include Hispanics and American Indians in addition to blacks, said participant William R. Carmack, Regents professor of communication at the University of Oklahoma and the former executive director of the National Council on Indian Opportunity.

The 1968 commission, which came to be called the Kerner Commission, was appointed by then-President Lyndon B. Johnson during the era of racial tension and rioting, which saw major American cities erupt in flames. The commission report, issued March 1, 1968, declared that "America is moving toward two nations, one black, one white, separate and unequal" and called the new efforts to combat American poverty, unemployment, racism and the problems of the cities.

The thrust of the new report will concern the economic struggles of the multi-racial, multi-ethnic underclass, Carmack said.

At the 1988 conference, participants noted that for a time American made progress on all fronts from the late 1960's through the mid-1970's. Then came a series of severe economic shocks that hit the most vulnerable hardest. Poverty is worse now for black people, Hispanics, American Indians and other minorities but not just for them. The rise in unemployment and pqverty has cut across racial and ethnic lines and affects both blacks and other minorities and whites. More whites than minorities are poor, participants said.

Carmack, in his conference presentation on "Indian Progress: Real or Apparent?" charges that little progress has been made in the last 20 years in the circumstances of life for American Indians despite the enormous amount of energy invested by the federal government in Indian affairs.

"Compared to other populations, they (Native Americans) still have the highest rates of illiteracy, infant mortality, unemployment, chemical dependency, dependency on welfare, and illegitimate births," he said.

"Also, life today for Native Americans is characterized by disorganization of government, social disorganziations and alienation from the mainstream of American life, he said.

The OU professor believes that the special attention by the federal government to Indians "has created a problem for the Indian community that has sabotaged any hopes of real progress and of forming a coalition with other minority groups."

"In seeking to ensure Native Americans receive their entitlements, the federal government has created in the Indian community an essential ambivalence as to identity and goals, making it impossible for Indian people to identify their friends from their foes, to consolidate their sense of self or identity, or to exercise power toward self-determination," he said.

The paper, co-authored with Philip Lujan, a Kiowa-Taos Indian who is director of Native American Studies at OU, was one of 12 presented at the conference. Held in Racine, Ws. February 27 through 29, the conference was sponsored by the Institute for Public Policy of the University of New Mexico, the 1988 Commission on the Cities, and the Johnson Foundation.

The edited papers presented at the conference, together with a formal report updating the Summary of the Report of the Kerner Commission, will be published as a book.

AIRD, Inc. Receives Center V Contract

The United States Education Department Indian Education Programs Office has awarded the contract for the Plains Region Resource and Evaluation Center V to American Indian Research and Development, Inc. (AIRD, Inc.), located in Norman, Oklahoma. AIRD, Inc. was awarded the contract for Center V in mid-February. According to Stuart A. Tonemah, Center V Director, the Plains Region includes the states of Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas. There are 334 Title IV-A public school grantees and 15 Title IV-B and C discretionary grantees in the Plains Region serving 76,508 Indian students for the 1987-88 school year.

The regional Resource and Evaluation Centers were established by Congress in 1978 as amendments to the 1972 Indian Education Act. The five Resource and Evaluation Centers assist in the effective development, management, and evaluation of Title IV-A, B, and C projects. Title IV projects are designed to meet the special educational needs of American Indians and Alaska Natives. All Title IV projects are serviced by the regional centers. Potential clients (those schools or entitles with American Indian or Alaska Natives not being served through Title IV) are also eligible for technical assistance to apply for these funds.

The Center V office is located at 2424 Springer Drive Suite 200, Norman, Ok. 73069. Center V Staff are available to assist grantees and potential applicants upon request. Toll-free telephone numbers are 1-800-422-0966 (for Oklahoma residents) 1-800-451-2191 (outside Oklahoma) and 360-1163 (for local patrons).

Okmulgee enters a new era in public health-

OBSERVING THE PROCESS OF THE INSTALLATION OF A FLOURIDATION SYSTEM *in the Okmulgee Water system, is (left) Stephen King, Project Officer OEH; Dr. Charles Grim, Deputy Chief Indian Health Service, Oklahoma City; Dr. Brian Horrocks, Facility Dental Officer Creek Nation, and Dr. Kim Leavenworth, Staff Dental Officer Creek Nation, Okmulgee. Completion date on the flouridation system is May 1.*

By Dr. Brian Horrocks, DDS

The most widespread and costly health problem in the United States today consists of unmet dental needs. The most prevalent and expensive dental health problem is dental caries, decay of the teeth. In addition to the effect on the mouth, dental caries affects the general well being of the person. It affects the emotional and social well being through its effects on appearance, and interference in optimal nutritional status.

Through decades of research and more than thirty years of practical experiences, fluoridation of public water supplies has achieved an impressive record for safety and effectiveness in helping to prevent tooth decay. Fluoridation remains society's least expensive and most effective cavity prevention measure.

Some communities have always had lower rates of tooth decay than others. Around 1930 we learned that this decrease in cavity rate was because their drinking water contained the right amount of fluoride. On July 18, 1984 the City of Okmulgee passed and approved ordinance #1519, calling for the control of the fluoride level in the public water supply which meet the requirements of the Oklahoma State Board of Health. The Indian Health Service has provided the required funding for this project. This project specifically addressed the dental health of the Indian population. The Indian population has a higher tooth decay rate than the national norm. This high rate produces a heavy treatment workload for the Creek Nation Dental programs, both for restoring decayed teeth and for maintaining those teeth which have been restored. The Indian Health Service resources available for dental care are inadequate to meet the workload imposed by the high dental decay rate. This prevents the delivery of other needed services such as treatment of periodontal disease (pyrrhorea), the leading cause of tooth loss in the population over 35, and prosthetic treatment

Through the assistance of this project the oral health of the community will be improved. The citizens of the Creek Nation should be proud of the many dedicated people that have made this project a reality. Dr. Shannon Grim, Horrocks, Leavenworth and Steve Ring the engineer, all from the Indian Health Service, Bud McComb from OEH and the City Council of Okmulgee, plus numerous others should be congratulated for their efforts in passing this milestone in Public Health.

Safety Poster Competition Winners-

HHS Secretary Otis R. Bowen, MD, presented awards to eight young winners of the Fifth Annual National American Indian and Alaska Native Safety Poster Contest Competition, March 15.

"The department's Indian Health Service sponsors this competition to promote awareness of the tragically high rate of accidental deaths and injuries among American Indians and Alaskan Natives," Secretary Bowen said. "The death rate for accidents among Native Americans is approximately three times that of the total US population."

An estimated 30,000 youngsters living on or near federally recognized reservations and enrolled in the first through the 12th grades in 26 states entered the competition. The competition was launched last November during the 1987 Native American Safety Campaign.

The winners are: Kacie Pratt, first grade, Pawnee Elementary School, Pawnee, OK; Jessica Coon, second grade, Huxford School, Atmore, AL; Jeremy Cadotte, third grade, Holy Family School, Bayfield, WS; Craig Blanchard, fourth grade, Little Ax School, Shawnee, OK; Wayde Noah, fifth grade, Red Oak School, Talihina, OK; Michael Vann, sixth grade, Greasy School, Tahlequah, OK; Roberta Yarlott, an eighth grader who won the junior high school competition, Pretty Eagle School, Crow Agency, MT; and Jason Jones, a 12th grader who won the senior high school competition, Laguna-Acoma School, San Fidel, NM.

The winners were flown to Washington for the Awards Ceremony at HHS headquarters and to take a look at the nation's capital. Dr. Everett Rhodes, director of Indian Health Service took part in the ceremony.

Indian Alcoholism Report Released-

American Indians higher rate of alcoholism appears to be due to poverty, isolation and other environmental factors rather than heredity, a University of Maryland researcher says.

A comparison of 39 tribes in Oklahoma found wide variations in alcohol-related deaths, ranging from 1.9 percent to 29.7 percent, said Charles M. Christian, a social geographer at the University of Maryland-College Park.

"We are able to debunk the old stereotype, or stereotypical notions of the drunken Indian - that is simply a myth", Christian said in a telephone interview.

Nationally, Indians have a rate of alcohol death three to five times higher than other ethnic and racial groups, Christian said.

Christian and Mary DeFour and Darryl Bertolucci, two colleagues at the Rockville, Md. based National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, looked at all deaths in 77 Oklahoma counties from 1968 to 1979, and then tagged white, black and Indian deaths by whether they were related to alcoholism, Christian said.

Tribes that have a centuries long tradition of farming and were settled on fertile lands had low rated of alcohol-related deaths, with the Seminoles' rate of 1.9 percent lower than the general population rate of 2.6 percent, according to the study.

In the western part of the state, where nomadic plains Indians settled, 20.7 percent of deaths were alcohol related. However, in eastern Oklahoma, where the agricultural tribes settled, 6.5 percent of deaths were from alcoholism, he said.

Alcohol-realted deaths were defined as alcohol poisoning, for example, drinking cleaning fluid or poisonous moonshine; alcohol overdose, including binge drinking; alcohol related cirrhosis of the liver; and alcohol pyschosis- suicide usually committed while experiencing withdrawal symptoms or delirium tremens, Christian said.

Other historical factors that appeared to contribute to rates of alcoholism were the number of times a tribe was relocated and a tribe's political strength with other tribes and with whites, according to the study.

Bacone College receives Sears foundation grant

Bacone College has received a $500 grant from the Sears-Roebuck Foundation. W.R. Jones,, manager of the Muskogee Sears-Roebuck Store, presented the grant. to Bacone President Alfred O. Ginkel. Bacone is among 934 private accredited two and four year institutions nationwide sharing $1.75 million from the Sears foundation fund for the 1987-88 academic year. Eleven privately supported colleges and universities in Oklahoma have been targeted to receive a total of more than $15,600.

Muscogee (Creek) National Council Publication Notice-

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Decisions made by the Executive Branch of the government of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and Super Satellite Bingo, Tulsa Creek Nation Bingo and Okmulgee Creek Nation Bingo to promote a Million Dollar Bingo Game is an example of the Officers of the Executive Branch attempts to by-pass the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and the National Council of the Nation.

The Constitution states at Article VI, section; the National Council shall have the power (subject to any restrictions contained in the Constitution and laws of the United States of America) to legislate on matter subject to limitations imposed by this Constitution as follows (a) To promote the public health and safety, education and welfare that may contribute to the social, physical well-being and economic advancement to the citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. (b) To negotiate with federal, state, and local government and others. (c) To manage, lease, prevent the sale of dispose or otherwise deal with tribal lands, communal resources or other interest belonging to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation or reserved for the benefit of such nation. (d) To authorize and make appropriations from available funds for tribal purposes. All expenditures of tribal funds shall be a matter of public record open to all citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation at all reasonable times. (e) To enter contracts in behalf of the nation with any legal activity that will further the well-being of the members of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. (f) To borrow money on the credit of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and pledge or assign chattels of future tribal income as security therefore. (h) To lay and collect taxes within the boundary of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation's jursidiction from whatever source derived. (i) To create authorities with attendant powers to achieve objectives allowed within the scope of this Constitution. (j) To exercise any power not specifically set forth in this article which may at some future date be exercised by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

It is obvious that (a), (c). (e) were violated by officers of the Executive Branch in that, (1) The Million Dollar Bingo Game was to be for the economic advancement of the citizens of the Nation, but the National Council was never informed of the plans for this Million Dollar Game until some of the Representatives of the National Council heard advertisements on the radio and asked the Executive Branch for information concerning it. (2) A Business Site Lease for tribal property was signed by the Principal Chief without the knowledge or approval of the National Council. Signing such a lease could have put the Nation in jeopardy in as much as it is stated by (a) Sherrin Watkins, Muscogee (Creek) Nation General Counsel; only National Council has the authority to lease tribal land. Council often delegates this authority to the Principal Chief by ordinances authorizing him to grant leases on behalf of the Creek Nation. Even when Council does so, it is the position of the federal government, that no use, by third parties, of tribal land is valid unless approved by the federal government. *(Memorandum, to Kenneth Childers, Speaker, Muscogee (Creek) National Council, from Sherrin Watkins, General Counsel, dated February 8, 1988) (a) Evidently, the Principal Chief has approved another lease of tribal property without the knowledge of the National Council. A memorandum, dated January 27, 1988 to the Principal Chief states in part:Mr. Jimmy Gibson (Agency Superintendent, BIA) has informed me that the Bureau of Indian Affairs considers Mr. Stuart's use of the ballfields to have been pursuant to an invalid lease. The Bureau's reasoning is that because the property leases was tribal property according to its standard lease procedure.*

It should be clear that the Principal Chief has no authority to lease tribal property without the approval of the National Council (3) A letter of intent to contract, between the Creek Nation's Tulsa Bingo and American Indian Super Satellite Bingo, Inc. was signed by the Representative of SSB, Muscogee (Creek) Nation Gaming Commissioner and Indian Country U.S.A. Management. (Indian Country U.S.A. is the present contracted management of the Creek Nation Tulsa Bingo Facility.) A Vendor Service Agreement was also signed by SSB and the Manager of the Creek Nation Okmulgee Bingo, subject to Executive approval.

The National Council, at this time, has only the letter of intent to contract, evidently a contract was signed in as much as the date for the game was set for March 5, 1988 and tickets for the game were being sold. This was all done without National Council knowledge or approval. Clearly, this action by the Executive Branch, Gaming Commissioner, Manager for Tulsa Creek Nation Bingo and Manager of the Creek Nation Okmulgee Bingo is a violation of the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. Also, The Oklahoma Indian Gaming Commission would have benefited from the Million Dollar Game. The following is a resolution passed by that Commission: Resolution 87-03- A resolution to facilitate a "Joint Venture Agreement" for the promotion and development of the Oklahoma Indian Gaming Industry. WHEREAS there have been presentations to the membership of the Oklahoma Indian Gaming Commission reference a statewide Satellite Bingo Game in the nature of a joint venture between the tribes and a corporation. *WHEREAS* the commissioners upon request by interested tribes have further reviewed and scrutinized such a proposal made to the Oklahoma tribes by Super Satellite Bingo an entity incorporated within Oklahoma Indian Country and *WHEREAS* all applicable tribal and federal law(s) will be adhered to; and the Agreement governed by a court of competent jurisdiciton (tribal/federal) and *WHEREAS* the legality of the nature of the agreement has been addressed to the satisfaction of interested parties and now *THEREFORE* the undersigned Oklahoma Indian Gaming Commission at a properly called meeting this day, October 6, 1987 at the Comanche Complex, Lawton, Oklahoma, by a vote of 6 for, and 0 against, hereby sanctions the proposal entitled "Joint Venture Agreement" made by Super Satellite Bingo to the Oklahoma Indian Gaming Tribes for their individual consideration *APPROVAL* Wm. E. Foster, Ronald Burgess, Perry Houser, Dewey Daily Jr., Billie Curry, Lawrence Murray *(Wm. E. Foster is the Commissioner of Public Gaming for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.)*

Even though the Oklahoma Indian Gaming Commission sanctioned the, "Joint Venture Agreement" it is not clear why that organization should profit from the agreement in as much as the individual tribes that entered into such a "Joint Venture" would have profited.

A letter from the Stephenson Agency, dated January 28, 1988 states in part, "The corrected copy lists the split at two-thirds to the participating tribes, 32.3 percent to the corporation and one percent to the Indian Gaming Commission. One percent of a game in excess of One Million Dollars is a significant amount of money, and since all the participating tribes would receive a share of the game why should the Oklahoma Indian Gaming Commission receive a profit from the game?

In any event, the "Million Dollar Game" was cancelled. Why is anybody's guess.

The following is from the Okmulgee Daily Times, dated February 19, 1988: LACK OF VALID CONTRACT CANCELS BINGO GAME- A Creek Nation official said this week that a satellite bingo operation does not have a valid contract with the tribe following reports that a $1 million dollar bingo game has been cancelled.

Kenneth Childers, the speaker of the Creek National Council said that American Indian Super Satellite Bingo, Inc. does not have a valid contract with the Creek Nation. Other tribal officials announced earlier this week that the tribe would not participate in the $1 million dollar game scheduled March 5. "There may be some differences in the tribe," he commented, "but these differences will be worked out."

Childers continued by saying the 1988 National Council is "alive and well". He added the Council will not allow any individual or group to jeopardize the welfare of the Muscogee (Creek) people.

Plans have been derailed for a $1.5 million bingo contest involving a satellite hookup and players from 12 Oklahoma Indian tribes, Officials say.

Gordon Sjodin, the manager of the Creek Bingo Hall, said Wednesday about 150 people who have bought $250 tickets to the high stakes bingo game would have their money refunded. He said 14 games with prizes totaling $1.5 million were to be played March 5. Players from separate tribes would be linked to the game via satellite, according to an announcement in December by John Danner, president of Satellite Bingo, Inc.

Bingo gaming is legal on Indian land in Oklahoma because the land is controlled by federal statutes and there are no federal laws barring gambling on Indian land. In his December announcement,. Danner said he had prize money committed to the project from private sources, but Sjodin said the company had not placed the money in an escrow account at a Tulsa bank as he had specified.Sjodin said because the money had not been deposited,Creek tribal officials withdrew the use of the tribe's bingo hall and other tribes around the state followed suit.Danner said his company had the prize money but other issues arose and forced the cancellation of the games.He said he was talking to Indian leaders and hoped to announce a new date for the games within a few days.

In view of the enormous amounts of money that have been spent in Federal court on attorney fees to establish the right of the Nation to operate bingo games more care needs to be exercised by the Principal Chief and the Commissioner of Public Gaming to insure that nothing disturbes that right. The Nation has benefited greatly from the revenue obtained from its Bingo establishments. Profits from these games have insured that various tribal programs and projects have continued without interruption.

However, the National Council must consider some things that have taken place concerning the proposed "Million Dollar Game" (1) Did the Principal Chief violate the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and his oath of office by his actions in the proposed "Million Dollar Game"? (2) Did the Commissioner of Public Gaming of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation exceed his authority by his actions concerning the proposed "Million Dollar Game"? (3) Did the manager of the Tulsa Creek Nation Bingo (Indian Country U.S.A.) violate the contract between Indian Country U.S.A. and the Muscogee (Creek) Nation by his actions concerning the proposed "Million Dollar Game"? These are questions that must be considered by your elected Representatives to the National Council of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

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Morning Star Holds Fund Raisers-

Morning Star held an Open Basketball tournament, March 18, 19 and 20. This event was a fund raising effort on behalf of the members of Morning Star to help finance our ministry work.

The double elimination tourney was held at the Morris High School gym. The tournament was limited to 12 teams, although fifteen teams requested entry. With the interest being shown by many teams, next year we will extend the tournament to accomodate at least 15 teams.We hope that next year more womens teams will want to participate.

Teams that entered this year were: Tulsa Hustlers, Redskins, Inola, Henryetta Baptist Church, Morris Hustlers, Sooner Indians, Skimbo, Hound Dogs, Liberty Heights Baptist Church, Okmulgee YMCA, and Muskogee and Morris.

First, second and third place teams trophies were given. Individual plaques were given to the first and second place team members. Many of the players thought the plaques were unique and a change from the usual trophies.

Winning the 3rd Place team trophy and sportsmanship trophy were the Tulsa Hustlers. Taking second place were the Sooner Indians losing to the Hound Dogs in a final score of 92-89.

We want to thank the following people for making this a successful tournament, Steve Wilson, George Tiger, Bunny Hill, Carol Tiger, Jerry Frank, Vicky Herod, Karen Long, Carmela Perkins, Doris Shawnee, Kathy Haney and Mr. Shoemake, superintendent of the Morris schools.

The tournament was officiated by referees, Rick Crenshaw, Leon Yahola, Randy Randalman and Rufus Ramsey, who stated that it was one of the smoothest tournament he had ever officiated.

During the month we also held a bake sale, and we want to thank Ms. Glenda Steele and Mrs. George Bishop for their hard work in preparing the items and donating their time.

Mohawk Nation newspaper victimized by arsonist; contents destroyed-

"Akwesasne Notes", the official publication of the Mohawk Nation near Rooseveltown, N.Y., was the victim of an arsonist who is said to have used the electrical circuiting of the offices to start the blaze last January 9.

The building, "Nation House" was owned by the Mohawk Nation Council of Chiefs and is located in the middle of the Akwesasne Community. A local volunteer fire department was able to respond quickly and managed to keep flames from completely destroying the building.

The blaze caused an estimated $200,000 in damages, including the destruction of computers, files, tapes, books, posters and other office equipment. The books and posters were sold through "Notes" as a means of financial support.

Attempts were made that night to salvage machines and files but little could be saved. An entire edition of Notes had just been completed and scheduled to be printed on January 11 but the fire destroyed the layout sheets and photographs, melting everything into smoldering balls of wax.

The mailing list was taken from the office even as the firemen were still fighting the flames. Some books from the mailing room escaped serious damage.

It is believed the offices were torched by insiders who once worked for Notes and opposed the paper's reporting on the conflicts that are plaguing the Haudensosaunee nations concerning cigarette smuggling, gambling, the violence at Akwesasne, Oneida, Kahnawake and Tuscarora. A Notes staffer wrote, "It is understandable why those criminal elements amongst us are opposed to a free press disseminating information about the illegal and immoral activities around us."

The Mohawk Nation Council of Chiefs has determined part of the 50-year-old structure can be saved. The structure can not be used as offices for Notes as the remodelling will mean a significant loss of space an the loss of room for typesetting, storage and layouts.

Going into its 20th year of publication, Notes is highly revered by indigenous people, world-wide for the awareness brought forth in its issue oriented reporting.

In a letter sent to subscribers with the latest Notes edition, the staff describes their feelings about the devastating loss and plans for recovery:

DEAR FRIENDS: The Nation House was not just our office or just a building; it was our home. Just as our staff are not just co-workers doing a job but a family, we feel this loss as our own. We never worked for Notes or for the Nation; we worked with Notes and with the Nation. This is a true indicator of the philosophy of Notes that exists.

We have been badly injured, emotionally and financially, but we are determined to carry on. The Mohawk Council of Chiefs have mandated that we continue with the publication of Akwesasne Notes. Their support, strength and encouragement has helped us get back on our feet. We are indebted to the North American Indian Travelling College for their generosity in providing us with temporary office space; to the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Council and the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne for their donations of office supplies to help us restart.

The fire destroyed almost everything that kept Notes alive. The books and posters that we sold in our bookstore were vital in our daily existence; not just for the money it brought in but for the truth and understanding these books taught. The loss of our Compugraphic typesetting machine is overwhelming as is the loss of a computer system loaned to us by a very good friend for over two years.

The support we have received from our community has been limited and we need help if we are to prevail. Notes has for a generation reported on the concerns and activities on indigenous people worldwide. We have tried to inform our readers about the many and complex issues that affect not only the lives of native people but everyone on this planet. It has never been an easy task, but is one that we have accepted as a necessity if native societies are to survive the twentieth century.

We have from time to time turned to our readers- our friends for help in time of crisis, but never have we had to overcome a situation such as the one before us. We need your financial assistance.

We need funds to recover, to replace books, posters, equipment, office supplies, repairs and to mail the next issue of Notes.

Together we will overcome this crisis and grow strong. We have made our commitment to continue and extend to you sincere appreciation for your past support but especially your friendship and words of encouragement through the years. We could never do it without you and in the words of our people, NIAWEN. Best Wishes In Peace.

LET'S HELP!

DEAR MNN READERS: The staff and I here at the Muscogee Nation News are urging our tribal members to participate in the recovery project for Akwesasne Notes. Through the networking of native newspapers and the Native American Press Association, many battles have been won for Indian Nations by keeping the tribes informed. In the last two years alone, the native press has been instrumental in deterring state control of Indian schools, trust fund pooling investment, state jurisdiction over Indian lands, taxation on tribal economic development, and many other issues. It's the native press that keeps Indians informed from an Indian viewpoint. I urge you to send contributions to: Akwesasne Notes Recovery Fund, P.O. Box 196. Mohawk Nation via Rooseveltown, NY 13683-0196. Your contribution is U.S. tax deductible. The Youth Project of Washington, D.C., a public foundation under 501-C-3 of the Internal Revenue code has agreed to take NOTES under its wing as a research and educational project. If you would like to support this effort, your check should be made out to Akwesasne Notes/Youth Project.

Items that are desperately needed include: photo equipment, copy paper, scissors, typewriters, black construction paper, waxer and wax for paste up, X-acto knives and blades, index cards (3x5, 5x8), large, small and window envelopes, large mailing envelopes, file folders (1/3 cut, letter size), garbage bags, light bulbs, white-out, narrow masking tape (1/2"), dictionaries, heavy duty stapler and staples, and batteries of all sizes. Subscription rate for NOTES is $15 per year at the above address. Let's help keep the native press going- it's helping you!

-HELEN CHALAKEE, MNN EDITOR

National Indian Education Assoc. Issues Call To Conference, Nov. 13-17

A Call to Conference has been issued by the National Indian Education Association (NIEA) for the 20th Annual Conference to be held in Tulsa at the Convention Center, November 13-17.

The theme of the Constitutional Conference, which is being hosted this year by the Oklahoma Council for Indian Education (OCIE), is "Indian Youth: Learners Today...Leaders Tomorrow."

Workshop presentations will focus on the conference theme and will examine American Indian education concerns, exhange ideas and provide for continual development and research of education issues affecting American Indians and Alaskan Natives. These workshops include: adult education, elementary and secondary education, higher education/post secondary, early childhood education, counseling, vocational education, bilingual education, management/administration, special/exceptional education, student and parent-oriented workshops. Additionally, workshops on revisions to the NIEA Constitution will be held throughout the conference with input encouraged from conferees.

With this call to conference, proposals for presentations are being solicited from areas of professional education, students and parents, including representatives from public schools, tribally-owned schools, health education and institutions of higher education. Federal and tribal policy makers and implementors of education programs are also being solicited for presentations. These types of presentations are: paper presentations (research papers presented by author), round table discussions (discussion of research paper in a small group in seminar format) and workshops and panels. The deadline for proposals is April 29. These should be submitted to: NIEA Presentations, Mary Jo Cole, c/o Cherokee Nation, PO Box 948, Tahlequah, OK 74464.

Student presentations are being solicited and include a call for demonstrations, talent and contests. A brief description of proposed presentations must be received by September 1. Information on talent categories, demonstrations, and contests can be obtained through: Student Presentations, NIEA Tulsa '88 Steering Committee, c/o OCIE, 9810 E. 42nd St., No. 232, Tulsa, OK 74146.

A call for entries of outstanding media for the Indian educational market is being issued with awards to be given by NIEA in the Media Festival and Student Video Contest. Video categories include: Indian-produced, commercially-produced, non-commercial and student-produced video presentations. All entries must have been released after January 1, 1985 and have American Indians as the main subject. Entries must be submitted by August 1. For more information, contact Media, NIEA '88, c/o OCIE, 9810 E. 42nd, No. 232, Tulsa, OK 74146.

Nominations are being accepted until October 14 for NIEA Awards to NIEA members who have made significant contributions to the field of Indian Education, in the following categories: Indian Educator of the Year, Elder of the Year, Parent of the Year and Outstanding Student of the Year. For more information, contact NIEA Awards Committee, William Murray, 2310 Garfield C-14, Laramie, WY 82070.

Nominations are also being accepted to fill three NIEA Board of Directors positions from the General NIEA membership. Nominations and biographical information must be postmarked by July 29, and sent to Karen Fenton, Chair, PO Box 227, Rocky Boy, Box Elder, MT 59521.

Persons who have products, programs and services, are invited to exhibit at the NIEA Conference which will attract 4,000 plus individuals representing American Indian and Alaskan educational activities locally, statewide, regionally and nationally. This is a prime and the only yearly event at which this largest of Native American education-interest groups gather. For more information, contact OCIE, 918-665-0595 or Exhibits, NIEA Steering Committee, c/o OCIE, 9810 E. 42nd, Tulsa, OK 74146.

American Indian Education Colloquium Set June 23, OU

The Annual Colloquim on American Indian Education Research and Administration is planned June 23-24 in the forum building of the Oklahoma Center for Continuing Education at the University of Oklahoma.

The colloquim will bring together various American Indian education scholars who will present their research activity and positions on American Indian Education.

OU faculty, graduate students, public school educators, Indian tribes and organizations are invited to attend.

In addition, people with an interest in the field of Indian education are encouraged to submit proposals for papers for possible presentation at the colloquium. The deadline for submitting papers is May 13.

For information on the paper proposal format or about the colloquium contact Jerry Bread, director of the US Foundations in Native Education, 820 Van Fleet Oval, Norman OK Van Fleet Oval, Norman OK (405) 325-5463.

The colloquium is sponsored by the OU College of Education, the OU College of Arts and Sciences and the OU Foundations in Native American Program.

M-S-W WMU Meet in Eufaula For Second Quarterly Meeting and Honors Dan Phillips

THE REV. DAN PHILLIPS WAS HONORED BY THE M-S-W ASSOCIATION WMU'S *recently for his work as Director of Missions - a post he has held for 25 years. Shown with him are his daughters (left) and wife (right) and far right is a Bureau of Indian Affairs representative from Muskogee.*

By Helen Coon
WMU Association Director

The second quarterly meeting of the Muskogee and Wichita WMU Baptist Assocation met at Okfuskee Baptist Church near Eufaula. The meeting was precided by Association WMU director Helen Coon.

This week was Focus Week on Missions so the WMU focused on Director of Missions, Rev. Dan Phillips, who has served for 25 years in this office to M-S-W.

A brief history of Rev. Phillips was given by WMU director Mrs. Coon. She reflected on their school days at Lawrence, Kansas, his service to the country and becoming a POW, his marriage to Mina Harjo and his beautiful daughters, and how he is in the Lord's service and has served unselfishly. She presented him a Plaque in recognition of his service to M-S-W for 25 years.

Special music was rendered by Little Cussetah Church of Sapulpa. It was at this place and meeting that he was appointed Supervision Missionary in 1963.

Leona Culbert spoke about the changes made from Supervision Missionary to Director of Missions.

Rev. George Jesse, pastor of Spring Baptist church reflected on Sunday School and Training Union Convention which was changed to Baptist Assembly, the difficult transition they went through together. At that time, Rev. Jesse was the Moderator.

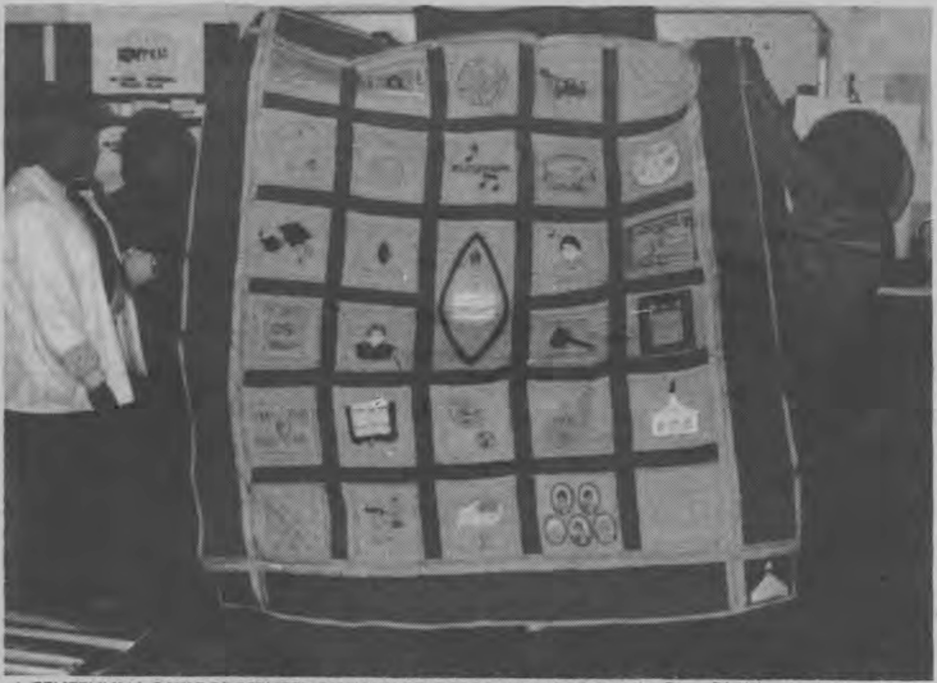
Retired Missionary to M-S-W, Dr. Belvin, also paid special tribute to Rev. Phillips for his dedication to his work. After Dr.Belvin got through speaking, M-S-W women stood in honor of Rev. Phillips and sang a Creek hymn, "Sow Ye My Savior." Rev. Jimmy Anderson, church developer with Language Missions of Oklahoma presented him with a "Special Certificate of Recognition for 25 Years" from Language Dept.

Naomi Bear, former Association Secretary gave a short talk in honor of Director of Missions.

Rev. Allen Culbert of Gracemont Baptist Church, Tulsa, spoke on when he was a young R.A. when he came to camp at the Assembly Ground and Dan was his teacher. When Rev. Culbert finished, the little Mission Friends sang "Jesus Loves Me" led by their director, Kaye Sulphur. These are the ones who had a "Future to Fulfill."

Rev. Phillips reflected on his 25 years of service and said he was still willing to serve. After his reflections, Helen Coon, WMU Association Director for M-S-W presented a Centennial quilt to him on behalf of Association WMU women. To make this possible, each organization took a block or two to embroider or applique and put it together.

A reception followed. The cake was decorated in purple and gold with the inscription of "Laborers Together With God. I Corinthians 3:9". Many gifts and cards were bestowed to director of missions. Closing prayer was by Bridge Chuckluck.



A CENTENNIAL QUILT PRESENTED BY WMU DIRECTOR HELEN COON *to Rev. Phillips is shown being displayed. Each quilt block represents a milestone in WMU history. The WMU's are celebrating their 100th year anniversary.*

RCIA Names Head Staff for Spring Pow-Wow

The Rogers County Indian Association has selected its head staff for the Seventh Annual Claremore Pow-Wow. Head Singer for the May event is Henry Collins (with Nighthawk Drum) from Lawrence, Kansas. Master of Ceremony is Brummett Echohawk of Tulsa. Bruce Thomas, White Oak, was chosen head man dancer and his female counterpart is Jeri Lynne Henson, Tulsa. Bartlesville's Jennifer Yarbrough will perform the duties of princess. John Peacock, Claremore, and Perry Aunko, Tulsa are arena directors. The host gourd dancers are the Osage Gourd Clan from Pawhuska.

The pow-wow is scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 20-22 on Soldiers Field at Rogers State College. Indian arts and crafts, traditional Indian dancing and Indian food will highlight the event. Arts and crafts exhibits will open at 3 p.m. with the first gourd dance beginning at 6 p.m. Arts and crafts exhibitors and concessionaires may reserve their space by calling 918-341-7510 ext. 370. Arts and crafts exhibit fees are $75 for all three days or $50 per single day. Food concessionaire's fee is $200. A clean-up deposit of $25 is also required, and is refundable upon clean up. There will be no refunds in case of inclement weather, and all payments must be by cash, money order or cashier's check.

Bloomfield/Carter Seminary reunion set May 14

Each year the Bloomfield/Carter Seminary reunion is held a the school campus in Ardmore, OK. All former students and employees are invited to attend this annual event. If you have never attended the reunion, let me tell you about it.

First, it is always in the month of May on the first Saturday after Mother's Day. So please mark your calendar and make plans to attend this year. The day usually begins at 9:00 A.M. with a Social Gathering. Refreshments are provided by the association officers. Photographs books containing pictures of past reunions are available for viewing. Also, if you have any pictures that were taken when you attended the school, bring them with you. There will be an arts and craft table for display or sale of items by anyone registering so bring something you have made. Be sure to identify them with your name.

Around 10:00 a.m. a general meeting is held to elect new officers. Then at noon we are served lunch with the students. A program is scheduled for the afternoon session which begins at 1:00 p.m. There will be a drawing for door prizes and a photographer will be available to take group pictures. The dorms will be open in case you are interested in taking a tour through them. Believe me, Carter does not look as it did in the 1940's and 1950's.

I would certainly like to see more faces at the reunion this year so please pass the word along to anyone you know who attended Bloomfield/Carter. I am especially interested in seeing my former classmates and those who attended Carter Seminary from 1945 to 1953.

I hope you will make plans to attend the reunion this year. Remember, it is always held on the first Saturday after Mother's Day. This year it will be on May 14, 1988. I am looking forward to seeing you there.

Wanna Tims Moore
Alumni President

OU College of Law to sponsor pre-law seminar

Norman-- In an effort to increase its minority enrollment, the University of Oklahoma College of Law is sponsoring a minority student pre-law information seminar April 9 and 10 at OU.

The seminar "Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Law School" will focus on such topics as how to apply to law school, how to get financial aid, what law classes are like and how to do legal research.

Highlighting the seminar will be a keynote address by US District Court Judge Juan G. Burciaga. He will speak during a 6:30 p.m. banquet April 9 in the Ming Gallery of OU's Oklahoma Memorial Union.

A graduate of the University of New Mexico College of Law, Burciaga was appointed to the U.S. District Court of New Mexico in 1979. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the American Trial Lawyers Association, and he is a director of the American Judicature Society. Burciaga also served on the board of directors for the Legal Aid Society of New Mexico and is a member of the New Mexico State Bar for Professional Standards for Trial Practice Committee.

Participants in the seminar also will have an opportunity to take a sample law school Admissions test and receive instructions on how to better prepare for the test.

The close of the seminar will feature a panel discussion by minority attorneys and judges addressing the "Role of Minority Lawyers."

The cost of the seminar is $15, which includes housing provided by the college, one lunch, a banquet dinner and all seminar materials. For more information, people can contact Deborah Case, College of Law minority recruiting coordinator, 300 Timberdell Road, Norman, OK 73019; telephone 405-325-4729.

Tonya Marsey

Creek to Vie for State U.S. Teen Title April 9

Tonya Marsey, a Depew High School junior, will be a state finalist in the 1988 Miss Oklahoma U.S. Teen Pageant.

Tonya is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Durham of Depew and Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Marsey of Sand Springs. She is being sponsored by the Creek Nation, Bristow Indian Community, Bayouth's and Root Trucking.

Tonya has participated in softball, basketball and volleyball in school, has been elected Junior class president, chosen as football and basketball royalty attendent, has participated in the FFA program and was named chairman of the Jr.- Sr. Prom committee.

Finalists are selected by their school activities and community services.

The Oklahoma pageant, which will be held in Oklahoma City at the Hilton Inn at 8 p.m. on April 9, is the official state preliminary to the Miss U.S. Teen Pageant to be held in August. Miss Oklahoma U.S. Teen will receive a host of prizes including a cash award, a color portrait, jewelery, crown, banner, trophy and an all-expense paid trip to the national pageant.

Births . . .

Stephen and Shari Sarniento announce the birth of their daughter, Courtney Rachelle, who was born February 28 at the Claremore Indian Hospital. Courtney weighed nine pounds and two ounces. Her grandparents are Charles and Judy Sarniento, Sapulpa, and Sonny and Cynthia Dunson, Okemah, and Elizabeth Dunson, Ada. Her great-grandparents are Robert and Maggie Marsey, Sapulpa and Earl and Lucille Dawson, Glenpool and Bertha Yahola, Wetumka. Stephen and Shari are both employees of the Creek Nation Bingo in Okmulgee.

EYE GLASSES FOUND-

A pair of blue wire frame bifocals were found in the Creek Nation Mound Auditorium. May be picked up at the CN Communication Dept in the Mound.

Economic outlook for state shows promise-

David R. Gilchrist, President of Gilchrist Financial Corporation, Norman, Oklahoma, shared his views on Economic Development and the Economic Outlook for the state of Oklahoma with the release of his latest publication. The report entitled "THE ECONOMIC OUTLOOK FOR FINANCIAL CONDITIONS IN OKLAHOMA" was one of the reports that was featured recently at THE ECONOMIC OUTLOOK CONFER—ENCE, which was sponsored by the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce.

In his report, Gilchrist gives economic views and forecasts for 1988 and beyond for the state of Oklahoma. In the context of his extensive report, relevant industries such as oil and gas, housing, agriculture and consumer finance are examined. In addition, he addresses areas such as monetary policy and the international markets and the increasing impact these factors will have on the economic outlook for Oklahoma as well as the United States.

The trends indicate that the worst is probably over for the state of Oklahoma. Even though the rate of business failures was still high at the end of 1987, the trend is significantly down as compared to 1986 statistics. Other significant trends show there are more businesses incorporating, building permits have increased and employment trends are increasing again. There has been noted differences in several areas of the economy. There have been substantial decreases in Oklahoma failures in the transportation, public utilities, mining, oil and gas extraction.

The largest decrease to be reported percent; finance insurance and real estate, down 22 percent.

The agricultural industry experienced a 23 percent increase in new starts while manufacturing saw a moderate increase of 2 percent. The mining industry was up 7 percent....Even though unemployment still remains high, significant decreases have been noted since 1986. The national average of unemployment was 5.5 percent at the end of 1986 compared with Oklahoma's 6.1 plus percent.

The author is renowned for his lectures, publications and discussions on Economic, Finance and International Economic Development. He recently served on Governor Bellmon's task force for International Economic Development as it relates to the enhancement of Oklahoma's economy.

This informative publication is now available through GFC Publications and copies are now available.

Benefit Pow Wow May 28, 1988

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This Pow Wow is sponsored by the Pittsburg County Choctaws- Arrowhead Club. All proceeds will go toward the 3rd Annual Pow Wow, to be held September 16-18, 1988. Bring Your Lawn Chairs. Everyone Welcome. No drugs. No alcohol. For information contact: Hampton Anderson 918/339-2711.

—NOTICE—

FACTS ABOUT THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION COMMODITY PROGRAM

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Muscogee National Council Minutes

INVOCATION: Jonas Dunson
CALL TO ORDER: Frank E. Kamp, Second Speaker
OATH OF OFFICE: An oath of office was administered to Harley Little, Muskogee District Representative, by Mike Flud, Supreme Court Justice.
ROLL CALL: A quorum was declared with twenty-one members present, four members were absent.

George Almerigi/Okmulgee - present
Roy Bear/Creek - present
Thomas Berryhill/Okmulgee - present
Larry Bible/Tulsa - present
Robert Buck/Hughes-Seminole - absent
Billie Burden/Okfuskee-Seminole - present
Helen Chupco/Muskogee - present
Barton Williams/Okmulgee - present
Clyde Johnson/Okfuskee - present
Irene Cleghorn/Tulsa - present
Clarence Cloud/Creek - present
Jonas Dunson/Hughes - present
Harvey Gilroy/Okmulgee - present
Frank Kamp/McIntosh - present
Harley Little/Muskogee - present
Jerry Wilson/Tulsa - present
Johnson Buck/Hughes - absent
Carney Roberts/Okfuskee - present
Sandy McIntosh/McIntosh - present
Tommy Newton/McIntosh - present
Ed Frye/Creek - present
Donna Rhodes/Tulsa - present
Leah Stacy/Okmulgee - present
Alexander Thomas/Wagoner - present
Kenneth Childers/Tulsa - present
Mickey Primeaux/Wagoner - absent

The Chair stated that all business transacted during this session would be valid and entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

READING OF THE MINUTES: January 4, 1988, Extra-Ordinary Session; January 20, 1988 Special Session; January 30, 1988 Quarterly Session; February 4, 1988 Extra-Ordinary Session. The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Roberts to approve the minutes with corrections as stated. Upon a motion haivng been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: twenty one in favor, one abstention and none against. Little abstained. Motion carried the minutes were approved as read after corrections.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

NCA 88-06 2 A A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Authorizing a Farming and Grazing Lease with Ed Bellamy. The Bill was introduced by Sandy McIntosh, chairman of the committee on Tribal Affairs. **Section 101.** The Farming and Grazing Lease between the Muscogee Nation and Edward O. Bellamy, P.O. Box 873, Mannford, OK. is hereby approved for grazing on the following described property in Creek County: 97.91 acres a part of the NW /4 of Section 12-T19N-R8E. **Section 102** The leasee (Edward O. Bellamy) promises to pay $171.99 the first February of each year thereafter for a term of five years. The Bill having been read, a motion was made by Harvey Gilroy and seconded by Stacy to approve the Bill 2A as read. Motion carried with 21 in favor, none against and no abstentions.

2-B A Bill Appropriating Funding for the Task Force on Management of Indian Resources. The Bill was introduced by Principal Chief, through the committee on Business & Governmental Services. Section 101. Findings: The National Council finds that: A. The Bureau of Indian Affairs is charged with a trust responsibility for Indian lands and certain money accounts. B. Problems have existed throughout the years in the fulfillment of these trust responsiblities. C. The federal government, Congress, and tribal governments are recommending changes in the current system concerning the management of Indian resources. D. The Principal Chief has established a task force to examine the issues and make recommendations on behalf of the tribal citizens and tribal government. **Section 102. Purpose.** The National Council hereby consents to the establishment of a task force for the purpose of compiling and documenting the status of management of Indian Resources and prepare testimony with recommendations for resolving the issues. **Section 103. Duties.** The task force shall prepare and submit to the National Council a comprehensive report to include detailed recommendations and proposed legislation addressing this issue no later than September 30, 1988. **Section 104.** The National Council hereby appropriates Tax Revenues for the Task Force as follows: Travel - $6,000; Other expense - $4,000 Total $10,000. **Section 105** Any funds not expended by December 31, 1988, shall be returned to the tax revenue account.

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MUSCOGEE NATIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES

continued. . .

The Principal Chief may revise the budget within the total appropriation. The Bill 2-B having been read, a motion was made by Roberts and seconded by Dunson to approve the Bill 2-B as read. The motion carried with 12 in favor, six against and three abstentions. Those voting against were: Williams, Cleghorn, Stacy, Burden, Newton and Berryhill. Those abstaining were: Wilson, Rhodes and Little. A motion was made by Stacy and seconded by Burden to postpone this Bill until the Council can get a report from the task force. Motion Did not carry, voting results: eight in favor, eleven against and two abstentions: Voting yes were: Gilroy, Williams, Cleghorn, Stacy, Burden, Rhodes, Newton, and Berryhill; voting against were: Dunson, Cloud, Thomas, Chupco, Roberts, Frye, Bible, McIntosh, Bear, Almerigi, and Johnson; those abstaining were: Wilson and Little.

2-C A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Programming Funding for Insurance on Tribal Facilities. The Bill was introduce by Principal Chief through the committee on Business and Governmental Services. Section 101. Findings: The National Council finds that: A. Insurance costs are funded as part of the lease payments made by programs and agencies utilizing space in tribal facilities. B. There are some tribal communities, projects, and programs which do not pay lease for space in facilities. C. Insurance costs on facilities not participating in payment of leases are as follows:

Community Centers	$ 21,635.
Headstart Centers	16,002.
Health Clinics	3,978.
TOTAL PREMIUMS	$ 41,615.

D. There is a need to appropriate funds to cover insurance costs for non-participating facilities. **Section 102.** The National Council hereby appropriates and programs $41,615 from Bingo Revenue to cover insurance costs. The Bill 2-C having been read, a motion was made by Stacy and seconded by McIntosh to approve the Bill as read. Motion carried with 21 in favor, none against and no abstentions.

2-D A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Authorizing and Appropriating Funding for a Social Service program for the Eufaula Indian Community and Muscogee (Creek) Citizens in the Hanna, Ryal Areas of McIntosh District. The Bill was read and considered as follows: **Section 101. Findings.** The National Council finds that: The Eufaula Indian Community is a chartered community of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. B. The Eufaula Indian Community is, successfully operating a Community Smokeshop and Bingo Facility and is capable of the administration of a Social Service Program. C. Muscogee (Creek) citizens of the Eufaula Indian Community and the Hanna and the Ryal areas will benefit from this program. **Section 102.** The National Council hereby authorizes the Principal Chief to grant $34,106 to the Eufaula Indian Community for the purpose outlined in the proposal. **Section 103.** Upon expenditures of the appropriated funds, EIC will provide to the Principal Chief and to the National Council a final report of activities and financial information. **Section 104.** The Principal Chief is hereby authorized to expend Bingo Revenues for the purpose outlined in the Proposal. **Section 105.** Upon approval of this Ordinance, the Principal Chief shall deposit in the Eufaula Indian Community Social Welfare Account, the funds authorized. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by McIntosh and seconded by Newton to approve the Bill 2-D as read. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Fourteen, against, seven in favor and no abstentions. Those voting no were: Almerigi, Bear, Berryhill, Bible, Chupco, Little, Dunson, Gilroy, Stacy, Roberts, Frye, Rhodes, Burden and Johnson; those voting yes were: Williams, Cleghorn, Cloud, Thomas, McIntosh, Newton and Wilson. Motion did not carry. Bill 2-D was not approved and shall be recorded as such.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION: The Chair entertained a motion to place the items listed on the Agenda for consideration. A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Almerigi to place items 2-F; 2-G; 2-H; 2-J on the Agenda for consideration during this session, numbers, changing accordingly. *Secretary Note: A Bill Addressing the Adopting of a Law Enforcement was omitted during this session and was not placed on the agenda for consideration during this session. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being. Nineteen in favor, two abstentions and none against. Those abstaining were: Chupco and Little. Motion Carried. These items will be placed on the agenda for consideration.

2-E A Bill Authorizing funding for an Economic Research and Development. A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Rhodes to substitute a revised Bill for the original first Bill as introduced by the Principal Chief. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being; Twenty in favor, none against and one abstention, abstaining was Little. Motion Carried. A substitute Bill will replace the original Bill as submitted by the Principal Chief. The Bill was read and considered as follows: **Section 101. Findings** - The National Council finds that: A. Economic Development is a tribal priority and additional revenues are required to establish a department for economic research and development. B. Bingo revenues are available to fund the needed office. **Section 102. Purpose** - To establish a Economic Research and Development Program for the purpose of developing and evaluating Economic Development Plans. B. Goals - The goals of this program will be as follows: 1. Development and recommend the adoption of a five year Economic Development Plan for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. 2. Develop business plans for tribal economic development projects and recommend approval. 3. Investigate and evaluate economic development and joint venture proposals. 4. Develop and recommend a economic development structuring plan for achieving tribal economic development objectives. 5. Promote economic education within the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. C. Budget

Personnel		$21,000.
Economic Development Planner		
Economic Development Specialist		
Secretary		
Fringe at 28%		5,880.
Space Lease		5,000.
Travel		5,000.
Printing & Publications		5,000.
Telephone		5,100.
Supplies & Other Expenses		4,000.
	Total	$ 50,980.

Section 103. The Principal Chief may revise the budget within the total appropriation and approved line items. **Section 104.** The budget and appropriation is hereby approved for the fiscal year 1988 to begin March 1, 1988 to September 30, 1988. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Rhodes to amend Bill 2-E at Section 102 (c) by deleting the Economic Development Specialist and Secretary line items and adding the funding source to Section 103. Section 103 will read "Bingo Revenue is hereby appropriated in the amount of $50,980 for expenditure of said program and the Principal Chief may revise the budget within the total appropriation and approved line items. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty one in favor, none agains and no abstentions. Motion carried the amendment was approved as read. A motion was made by Almerigi and seconded by Rhodes to add a new section 105 to read "Person employed pursuant to this ordinance shall be subject to the approval of the National Council. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty in favor, one against and no abstentions, voting against was Wilson. Motion carried, the amendment was approved as read. The Chair called for a question on the motion to approve. Question. Upon a motion having been duly made by Wilson and seconded by Rhodes for the approval of Bill 2-E as amended, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty one in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried. Bill 2—E was approved as read and shall be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

2-F A BILL of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Authorizing the FY-88 Indian Child Welfare Program. The Bill was read and considered as follows: Section 101. Findings. The National Council finds that: A. Federal Funding is available through the Bureau of Indian Affairs to continue the existing program with FY 1988 grant funds. B. It is the intent of the Tribal Government to continue serving tribal citizens through the Indian Child Welfare Program. **Section 102.** NCA 87-38 is hereby amended at Section 153 (A) (1) to include the "Indian Child Welfare Grant". The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Little and seconded by Williams to approve the Bill 2-F as read. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty-one in favor, none against, no abstentions. Motion Carried, Bill 2-F was approved as read.

2-G A BILL Authorizing the Principal Chief Claude A. Cox to Enter into Contract, with Sherrin Watkins Attorney, to be General Counsel for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and Appropriating Tax Revenues. Section 101. The National Council of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation hereby contracts with Sherrin Watkins, Attorney at Law, to be General Counsel for Muscogee (Creek) Nation, according to the terms and conditions set out in the attached General Counsel contract submitted by Sherrin Watkins; and National Council hereby authorizes Principal Chief Claude A. Cox to execute this General Counsel contract with Sherrin Watkins on behalf of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation for March 1, 1988 to the last day of September 1988. **Section 102.** The National Council hereby appropriates tax revenues in the amount of $28,183.90 to pay General Counsel salary of $17,765.44 for the term of contract and fringe benefits in the amount of $5,418.46 for the term of contract, and travel expense to attend the cases in which Muscogee (Creek) Nation is a party and to pay the expense of State requirements to keep General Counsel's attorney license current, up to the amount of $5,000. for the term of contract. **Section 103.** Funds presently in the office of the Justice Budget that are unspent shall be reappropriated by Ordinance. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Roberts and seconded by Dunson to approve the Bill 2-G as read. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty one in favor, none against, and no abstentions. Motion carried, Bill 2-G was approved as read and shall be recorded as such

2-H A Resolution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Supporting and Recommending W. E. Foster as Chairman, National Indian Gaming Association. Section 101. Introduced by Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation (for himself and the Executive Branch). Section 102. Findings. The National Council finds that the Muscogee (Creek) Nation is nationally recognized as to its gaming accomplishments. THAT, the National Indian Gaming Association was formed to promote, protect and preserve Indian gaming rights. THAT, Certain federal legislation currently in committee brings Indian gaming rights under attack and the National Council Indian Gaming Association is defending these attemped changes. THAT, William J. Houle, Chairman of the Fond de Lac Band of Minnesota Lake Superior Chippewa, Chairman of National Indian Gaming Association is retiring and has recommended that his successor be W.E. Foster. FURTHERMORE, the National Council finds that the official support and recommendation will create an atmosphere of good will and increased national status of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and other Oklahoma Indian gaming tribes; as well as allow a member of this nation to direct the National Indian Gaming Association. **Section 103. DECLARATION OF PURPOSE.** To provide to the maximum extent possible for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation; a Chairman of a nationally known organization for continued representation and direction of Indian Gaming Rights in America. **Section 104. RESOLUTION BODY.** WHEREAS, there will exist a vacancy of the Chairman's position of the National Indian Gaming Association, and; WHEREAS, the National Indian Gaming Association is in need of a capable chairman to direct the organization and it's three-fold purpose to promote, preserve and protect Indian gaming rights. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The National Council supports and recommends that W.E. Foster be elected chairman of the National Council Indian Gaming Association. The Resolution having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Bible and seconded by Thomas to approve the Resolution as read. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken as follows: Sixteen in favor, four against, one abstentions. Voting yes were: Almerigi, Bear, Little, Williams, Chupco, Bible, Cleghorn, Roberts, Thomas, Cloud, Gilroy, Dunson, Frye, Wilson, McIntosh and Johnson. Voting against were: Stacy, Rhodes, Berryhill and Burden. Newton abstained. Motion carried. The Resolution 2-H was approved as read and shall be recorded as such.

OTHER BUSINESS:

A request was made to obtain a status report on the Viet Nam Veteran Center at Oakdale.

The mobile trailer sitting on the Mackey Sand Bar was mentioned and it was suggested that a letter be written to have this unit moved immediately.

A request was also made to pursue the issue on the Diary and not to let this go unforgotten.

Planning Session - The Planning Session date was set for March 17, 1988 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Roberts and seconded by Thomas to Adjourn. Meeting was adjourned by unanimous decision.

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Tribe's relentless sovereignty stance appears to be finally paying off

EDITOR'S NOTE: After an untold amount of court cases at a cost of hundreds of thousands of dollars to tribal governments in an effort to protect the legal status of tribal sovereignty, it appears some progress has been accomplished- at least federal and state lawmakers and government officials are beginning to realize there may be something to the legality of this Indian sovereignty thing, after all. Indians have been talking sovereignty for a long time. We can even all spell it now. Most every tribal government employee has attended seminars on sovereignty, and it is probably the second most-used word in our vocabulary.

Indian sovereignty has been the most ignored, rebuffed and misunderstood single issue in the United States- until federal and state officials were made to realize that it is very "real" to Indian people and they are going to extremes to protect it. When something is made evident, it's hard to keep sweeping it under the rug. It keeps reappearing, slowly gaining strength and stature.

Now, white people are attending sovereignty seminars, boning-up on treaty rights and consulting their attorneys about the legality; in turn, attorneys whose interests were elsewhere are becoming students of Indian law.

More recently, a sovereignty debate was conducted at Northeastern State University at Tahlequah where state officials (Oklahoma Tax Commission) were pitted against an Indian attorney and an attorney pro-Indian. The OTC attorney's most ardent position was, in essence. . .now that we are all Oklahomans, let's put history aside and all be good state citizens and support the state tax system for the benefit of everyone???(Indian land has never lost its intrigue to white settlers, has it?)

Anyway, "The First Annual Sovereignty Symposium--Indian Law in the 1990's (a training session) is scheduled for June 1-3 in Oklahoma City and is presented by the Oklahoma Supreme Court. The symposium has been approved by The Mandatory Continuing Legal Education of Oklahoma for a maximum of twelve hours credit to law students.

How can all this sudden attention from the state be construed? Even the State Department of Commerce recently held an economic development conference where it was recognized that a Price Waterhouse study conducted for the state named Indians as Oklahoma's number one tourist attraction. I suppose Indians will make whatever they can out of it all; but hopefully, with continual vigilance. Indian tribal governments cannot afford to lose ground (did I say lose ground), because they have made too much progress to settle for anything less than best, especially in dealing with the one commodity that tourists want, but can't obtain except through Indian access- authentic Indian-made arts and crafts.

This issue of the Muscogee Nation News contains several articles concerning sovereignty. We invite reader response. -HELEN CHALAKEE, MNN EDITOR

State of Oklahoma -vs Indian Tribes: A sovereignty debate

By Jim Wolfe

"Indian sovereign is alive and well", according to William Rice, attorney general for the Sac and Fox tribe at the debate on tribal sovereignty held April 12 at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah.

The debate focused on the issues of sovereignty, tribal economic development and the State of Oklahoma vs Indian tribes. Participating in the discussion were John Echols, tribal counsel for the Creek Nation, David Miley, an attorney with the Oklahoma Tax Commission and Rice.

Jim Wilcoxin, tribal attorney for the Cherokee Nation, served as moderator for the debate. Tulsa County District Attorney David Moss was invited to participate but did not attend.

In 1985, Moss filed an injunction against the Creek Nation seeking to halt the tribe's bingo operation in Tulsa proclaiming the hall was a public nuisance.

Miley began the discussion claiming that the state of Oklahoma has the authority to collect taxes on tribal businesses and citizens through legislation passed by Oklahoma lawmakers.

"Any business is required to collect state taxes because of its location within Oklahoma jurisdiction," said Miley.

"It all sounds real good," said Rice, "but no higher court has ever given the state jurisdiction over tribal matters."

Rice recalled a provision in the state Constitution that would revert control of the state back to Indians if three Oklahoma governors were impeached. Twice, the state's top official

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TAKING A BREAK FROM A WORKSHOP ARE MEMBERS OF THE CN CHR PROGRAM,** shown from left to right, (seated) Judy Riley, caseworker from Creek County; Kathryn Fish, Health Field Generalist from Hughes County; Cora Scott, HFG from Hughes County; Augusta Anderson, caseworker from Hughes County; Mary Hobia, HFG from Okfuskee County; (standing in back, left to right), Christine Burgess, caseworker, Okfuskee County; Evelyn Parker, CHR supervisor; Jim Hill, Education Health Field Specialist; Richard Posey (seated) HFG from Muskogee County and Ethel Wyatt, HFG from Okmulgee County. Not pictured is Sue White from Okmulgee County.* ***(See CHR article on back page)

Creek Festival '88

June 17-18-19

Creek citizenship/voter applications to be taken during Creek Festival '88

Creeks who have not enrolled for membership in the Creek Nation or those who have not registered to vote in tribal elections will have the opportunity to make application during Creek Festival '88, June 17, 18 and 19 at the CN Communication Tent which will be set up Saturday and Sunday afternoon at the Omniplex. Members of the Citizenship Board and Election Board and staff will be on hand to assist.

The CN Communication staff will take sign-ups for the Muscogee Nation News and make address corrections and changes. A 120-minute video tape will be for sale which includes four programs produced by the Communication Department about Creek cultural activities. Cost $15. Weather permitting, the tape will be available for viewing. We invite you to stop by and visit.

-NOTICE-

Creek Artists/Crafters

The first annual Creek competition and exhibition is scheduled during Creek Festival '88, June 17-19. Entry deadline is June 3. Contact Joe Washington for more information and entry forms, 918/756-8700 ex. 335 or write Creek Nation, Att. Joe Washington, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447.

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U.S. Census Bureau to test for enumerators—

The Bureau of Census will be looking for workers for it's 21st Decennial Census of Population and housing in 1990. Tests will be given for the Census jobs at the Creek Nation Tribal Complex May 13 in the Conference room beginning at 9:00 AM. Pay rates for these temporary positions begin at $5.50 an hour and applicant must have an automobile. These jobs are expected to last from two to eight weeks with flexible hours. Applications for these positions can be picked up at the Creek Nation Personnel office. For more information contact: George Tiger, 918-756-8700 Ext 202.

Summer Youth Program taking applications-

Creek Nation JTPA is taking applications for the Summer Youth Program. This program will be for eligible participants 14 - 21 years of age, both in school and out of school.

JTPA Counselors are contacting the schools in your area with information and applications on school age students will be completed at the school if possible. Persons who have graduated, dropped out or college students who wish to make application will need to come to the JTPA Office located at the Creek Nation Complex.

Applications will not be taken after May 31, 1988. If you have any questions please contact the JTPA Office 756-8700.

RSC offers scholarships-

Rogers State College at Claremore awards scholarships on the basis of academic potential and or financial need. All fulltime students attending RSC are encouraged to apply. Applications received after the deadline, February 15, will be considered, only if funds are available. Any questions or concerns about the scholarship program can be directed to the office of Student Admissions, Rogers State College (918) 341-7510, Ext 314. Sarkey Foundation applications are available at the Creek Nation Higher Education Dept.

Morning Star Ministries set benefit banquet for May 27

Morning Star Ministries & Outreach have made arrangements for a Benefit Fund Raising Banquet to be held at the Henryetta Holiday Inn. The Banquet is scheduled for Friday, May 27, reception beginning at 6:30 and dinner at 7:00.

All those persons interested in Prison Ministry and other areas of ministry work are invited to attend. We will have guest speakers, and entertainment.

Morning Star is sponsoring this benefit to raise funds for the ongoing of our evangelistic work in the prisons and on the reservations.

Banquet tickets are $16.00 per person. For tickets and further information contact: 756-4807 or 366-7732.

Notice to Tulsa Creeks—

Please call the CN Complex at 756-8700 ex. 200 or 201 in regard to emergency assistance before making the trip to Okmulgee.

Jim Wolfe

Creek journalist begins work with CN Communication-

Jim Wolfe has joined the Creek Nation Communication Department as a communication specialist. Wolfe is a member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and is the former city editor of the Henryetta Daily Free-Lance. He has also worked in public relations and marketing.

A graduate of Sapulpa High School, Wolfe attended Eastern Oklahoma State College in Wilburton earning his associates degree. He completed his undergraduate work at Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, Missouri, receiving his bachelors degree in communications.

An Okmulgee native, Wolfe is the son of Jim and Norma Wolfe. He is the grandson of the late Reverend Bertie and Myrtle Wolfe and the Reverend and Mrs. A.B. Jones.

Wm. Foster elected chair National Indian Gaming-

Wm. E. Foster, Commissioner of Public Gaming of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, has been elected as Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Association at its annual meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada on April 13-14, 1988.

He will succeed retiring Chairman William J. Houle of the Fond du Lac Band of Minnesota, Lake Superior Chippewa,

Foster, elected to the two-year leadership position of the Association, stated, "I will attempt to provide the quality leadership that this fine organization deserves and requires to further Indian gaming."

The National Indian Gaming Association was formed in 1985 by Indian gaming tribes to protect, preserve and promote Indian gaming across the country.

Foster has over thirty years of management and regulatorial experience in both private industry and government. He is also the chairman of the Oklahoma Indian Gaming Commission, a regulatorial forum for the Oklahoma Indian gaming tribes.

Notice to Creek Communities-

Please call Creek Nation, 756-8700, ex. 200 or 201 in regard to used clothing for your community members.

JOB NOTICE

POSITION
CN Sports Omniplex Activity Coordinator
ORGANIZATION
Creek Nation Festival Committee
LOCATION
Muscogee (Creek) Nation
Sports Omniplex, Okmulgee OK
IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR
Creek Festival Committee
DUTY STATION
CN Sports Omniplex
SPECIFIC DUTIES

Coordinate all activities concerning the Omniplex facilities use and maintenance in a business-like manner. Establish softball leaques, tournaments, rodeo events. Implement usage fees for rental of facilities. Other duties as required. Hours will vary so applicant must be able to adjust.

EDUCATION

Graduate of high school or GED. Work experience in this area helpful.

SPECIALIZED EXPERIENCE

Knowledge of establishing and running softball leagues, concession and other required activities. Knowledge of rodeo events.

SELECTIVE FACTORS

Knowledge of management operations, accounting, ability to direct and

QUALITY EXPERIENCE

Knowledge of management operations, accounting, ability to direct and supervise.

SALARY RANGE
Negotiable

SELECTIVE FACTORS

Enrolled Muscogee (Creek) Indian preferred.

Apply with Creek Nation Personnel, Monday thru Friday, Hwy. 75 and Loop 56, Okmulgee OK. 918/756-8700.

JOB NOTICE

POSITION
Creek Festival Gift Shop Manager
ORGANIZATION
Creek Festival Committee
LOCATION
Creek Nation, Okmulgee OK
IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR
Creek Festival Committee
DUTY STATION
Gift Shop at Tribal Complex
SALARY RANGE
Negotiable
JOB DESCRIPTION

Be responsible for the daily operation of gift shop.

SPECIFIC DUTIES

Open shop 8:00 a.m., deposit daily cash receipts with CN Accounting Dept. at close of each day, close shop at 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday. (1) maintain records of daily purchases and sales. (2) arrange attractive displays (3) Other duties as assigned.

GENERAL EXPERIENCE

Knowledge of Creek arts and crafts. Must possess managerial capabilities. Sales experience helpful.

SELECTIVE FACTORS

Must be enrolled Muscogee (Creek)

Apply with Creek Nation Personnel, Monday through Friday, Hwy 75 and Loop 56, Okmulgee OK. 918/756-8700.

Bannekar Pre-School and Kindergarten enrollment

Enrollment for pre-school and kindergarten at Bannekar began May 2 and will continue until the end of May for pre-schoolers who are four years old before September. Kindergarteners must be five years old before September and must have a birth certificate and immunization record.

'Oklahomans for Ben Nighthorse Campbell' Schedule Reception June 2, Oklahoma City

U.S. CONGRESSMAN BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL is currently the 'only' Indian serving in the U.S. House of Representatives.

A fund raiser reception for the only Indian who is currently serving in the U.S. Congress, Ben Nighthorse Campbell (D-Colorado), Northern Cheyenne, is scheduled for June 2, 4-6 p.m., at the Skirvin Plaza Hotel, Oklahoma City.

Campbell is a member of the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, which is very important to Indian people across the United States.

His bid for re-election to the House of Representatives serves Colorado's Third Congressional District, the eighth largest district in the United States. While in office, Campbell has taken several major stands for Indian issues. He is an active advocate for Indian education and has spoken out against stereotypical images that depict Indians in an offensive manner.

Campbell started an effort with his initial campaign two years ago for national Indian support called "American Indians for Ben Nighthorse Campbell for Congress." This organization is based in Denver and chaired by CERT executive director, Lucille Echohawk.

The "Oklahomans for Ben Nighthorse Campbell for Congress" was organized by state Senator Kelly Haney who is a personal friend to Congressman Campbell.

The fund raising steering committee is co-chaired by Cheyenne-Arapho Tribal Chairwoman Juanita Learned and Chickasaw Governor Bill Anaotubby who was recently elected chairman of United Indian Nations in Oklahoma (UINO). Secretary is Helen Chalakee, treasurer is Alfreda Donkeen. Members include: Iola Hayden, Pamela Iron, Comanche Tribal Chairman Ron Burgess, Pat Woods, Sac & Fox Second Chief Gaylon Franklin, and Carol Nuttle.

The fund raiser will be held while Congressman Campbell is in Oklahoma City to judge the Red Earth Art Show, with plans for the Congressman to be present at the reception.

Invitations are being sent out by committee members encouraging attendance, or the remittance of a contribution if unable to attend.

Contributions of any amount will be sincerely appreciated. Senator Haney has donated signed prints for a $50 or more contribution.

Congressman Campbell is himself a renowned jewelry maker. A graduate of the University of California at San Jose, Campbell captained the U.S. Olympic Judo Team in 1964 and won a gold medal in the 1965 Pan-American Games. He is a Korean War veteran.

While serving in the Colorado Legislature for two years, he was voted one of the "Ten Best Legislators" by his colleagues.

Blazing a trail for other Indian lawmakers, Campbell has been quoted as saying he needs more Indians to be elected to national office to "help him out."

Plan to be a part of this national Indian effort to support Ben Nighthorse Campbell for Congress.

Hearings set for Creek mineral owners to make comments on royalty/lease issues

Preliminary hearings are scheduled for five strategic areas within the Muscogee Nation in an effort to accomodate Creek citizens in bringing forth information concerning mineral transactions, land transactions, royalty payments, or any other related area of concern which has presented problems for Creek citizens in dealing with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior.

The Creek Nation Task Force on the Management of Tribal Resources committee will be in the following locations on these dates:

Tuesday, May 24, 1988
9:00 a.m.- Noon
Bristow Indian Community Center
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Eufaula Indian Community Center

Wednesday, May 25, 1988
9:00 p.m.- Noon
Wetumka Indian Community Center
2:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.
Eufaula Indian Community Center

Saturday, June 4, 1988
9:00 a.m. - Noon
Creek Complex Mound, Okmulgee

Citizens will be heard by the order they sign in. Please bring any supporting documentation and photocopies, if possible. The committee will review the documentation. If possible, present your comments in written form; however, oral comments are also encouraged. A Creek speaking intrepreter will be present.

The information received will be reviewed and compiled for a Public Hearing to be conducted which has tenatively been set for June 16, 1988 at the CN Complex, Mound Building.

Comments presented at the July Hearing will become the official comments of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation pending approval of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council. The Oklahoma Congressional Delegation will be invited to this meeting, along with Oklahoma Legislators. Members of the Special Investigative Committee from the U.S. Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs have committed their presence at this hearing. This committe is presently investigating mismanagement by the Department of Interior in the handling of Indian affairs as prescribed by federal law. This Special Committee has subpoena power to call in any information from the federal government, state government, tribal government, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Minerals Management Service, Bureau of Land Management, private oil companies or anyone they think could lend supporting evidence to their investigation. One area of concern they are taking special interest in is oil drainage from unsuspecting Indian mineral owners, and one of the most difficult issues to prove. They will accept hard documentation on any issue and insome relevant cases, they will accept hearsay for further investigation.

If any Creek citizen feels they have been coerced, or have not been dealt with fairly pertainq to their mineral situation, the Principal Chief is urging them to come forth without fear of harassment or reprimand and submit their information to the Task Force. It is an opportunity to seek equitable treatment in matters that affect the lives of Creek citizens. This could possibly be the last chance for this type action in these matters.

The Creek Nation Task Force on the Management of Tribal Resources was appointed for a one-year period by the Principal Chief to compile documentation from Creek citizens concerning complaints or problems they currenty have, or have had in the past, in dealing with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Minerals Management Indian Affairs (BIA), Minerals Management (MMS), or Bureau of Land Management (BLM), in an effort to assist the federal government in upgrading the federal Indian programs.

This is your chance to be heard as a Creek citizen on mineral, royalty, lease, and other related issues. Your comments are valuable to the U.S. Senate in determining recommendations and possible legislation for the future management of Indian minerals by the Department of the Interior. For additional information contact: CN Realty Program, Rodney Durossette, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447 or phone 918/756-8700 extension 272.

Senator Inouye states new legislation discredits termination policy-

Senator Daniel K. Inouye, Chairman of the Select Committee on Indian Affairs, today announced an action by the United States Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives that has been awaited by Indian tribal governments and individuals for over thirty years --- the repeal of House Concurrent Resolution 108. The repeal language is part of H.R. 5, the major education reauthorization bill which was passed in final form by the House on April 19 and the Senate on April 20.

Noting that termination policy has now been fully discredited, he said that "the Indian nations of the United States can rest easier with the knowledge that termination is no longer even a possible threat. Termination was a doomed policy from its inception primarily because it was both morally and legally indefensible."

House Concurrent Resolution 108 was approved by the 83rd Congress on June 9, 1953, and set forth a Congressional policy of termination of the federal-tribal relationship with all tribes in certain named states and with named tribes in other states. Subsequent to the resolution, certain tribes were in fact terminated. Although the policy of termination has been soundly rejected by the Congress through enactment of a number of statutes, and rejected by at least two Presidents, until now the Congress never officially rejected the resolution itself. While a resolution does not have the effect of law, the failure of Congress to expressly repudiate it has been seen by many Indians as a lingering threat to the federal-tribal trust relationship. Most of the tribes "terminated" under the policy in the early 1950s have now been restored to their former status as federally recognized tribes by the Congress.

Chairman Inouye praised the work of the other members of the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs and Members of the House of Representatives, particularly Congressman Dale Kildee, a member of the House Education and Labor Committee, in making this very significant overture to the Nation's First Americans.

"The wholesale breach of the long-standing trust relationship between the Indian tribes of this Nation and the federal government must never again be considered without the consent of the tribes involved," said Senator Inouye.

Creek graduating Seniors! We need your photos for MNN

ALL GRADUATING SENIORS! Send your photos to the Muscogee Nation News and a brief paragraph about yourself and your future plans upon graduation for a special Seniors Spotlight in the June 1988 issue. Send the photo and paragraph to: Muscogee Nation News, PO Box 580, Okmulgee, OK, 74447, by ***May 31.***

Bacone sets summer enrolment

Early enrolment for summer classes at Bacone College is underway through May 27. Regular enrolment for summer classes is May 31. Summer classes begin June 1. Early enrolment for fall classes runs through August 5. Regular enrolment is August 18-19. Fall classes begin August 22.

Methodist Women hold annual county fair-

Welcome to the Northeast District United Methodist Women's First Annual County Fair on May 21, from 1 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the NE District Center in Preston. There will be food booths, arts & crafts booths and a rummage sale.

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TULSA ATTORNEY JOHN ECHOLS, *right, responds to a question at the State of Oklahoma vs. Indian tribes debate held at Northeastern State University during the 16th Annual Indian Symposium. Seated next to Echols is William Rice, attorney general for the Sac and Fox. Standing is Jim Wilcoxin, attorney for the Cherokee Nation, who moderated the debate.*

has been impeached, with David Hall the most recent.

Last year the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma ruled that regulation and taxation of tribal activities by the state would violate Creek Nation tribal sovereignty.

The 10th Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the lower court's decision in the Creek Bingo trial. The Appellate issued an opinion that the state did have a general interest in taxing its citizens but that the state's interests yielded to the interests of the federal government and the tribe.

Wiley contended that sovereignty shifted an unfair tax burden to Oklahoma's non-Indian population.

"If some pay less, others must pay more," said Miley. "All citizens receive benefits and all should pay taxes."

Echols pointed out that Indians do provide support for the state and have not received enough services.

"Tribal activities resulted in a net increase in tax revenues," said the Creek attorney. "Indian people have done more than their fair share."

Rice questioned the state's authority to tax tribal activity. Rice recalled that the state was superceded by federal statutes, tribal governments and the Oklahoma Constitution.

The federal Enabling Act of 1906 allowed Oklahoma to become a state and receive admission to the Union. The act also limited Oklahoma's jurisdiction over Indians.

The act reads that nothing written in the state Constitution "shall be construed to limit or impair the rights of persons or property pertaining to the Indians."

Article 1, section 3 of the state Constitution complies with that federal act. It reads that the citizens of the state "do agree that and declare that they forever disdain all rights and title in or to any unappropriated public lands lying within said limits owned or held by any Indian, tribe or nation."

Yet the Oklahoma Tax Commission has to "deal with the law as it exists today," said Miley.

"State law requires businesses to collect taxes. Tribal sovereignty is one of strictly limited sovereignty. Tribal laws do not preempt state laws," said Miley.

"You're either sovereign or you're not," replied Echols." The state wanted a ruling (in District court) that the Creek Nation was abolished in 1907 (at statehood). The trial in Tulsa was not about six cents on the dollar on bingo in Tulsa."

Miley claimed the tax commission was justified to collect taxes on all tribal activity within the state because the "operative fact is that Oklahoma is here now."

"We can't have tribes offering tax exemptions."

Rice said the state was so concerned with collecting taxes from tribes that the tax commssion was taking a nickel and throwing away the dollar. According to Rice, tribal money travels through the state's economy several times and the state has several opportunities to collect its sales tax.

Echols said that economic development is one way tribes can achieve full sovereignty.

"The tribes are entitled to operate without interference from the state. If Oklahoma would deal with the tribes as government-to-government the entire taxation problem can be handled by responsible negotiations. A tribe is entitled to be treated as equal sovereigns," said Echols.

The debate on tribal sovereignty was a part of NSU's 16th annual symposium on the American Indian.

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Do You Need Legal Help?. . OILS (Oklahoma Indian Legal Services, Inc) is a federally funded non-profit legal aid office providing free legal help to low income Indians living in Oklahoma, with the following kinds of cases: Indian housing, Indian child-welfare; Indian land problems; tribal sovereignty; and other Indian legal problems such as education and health issues. For further information call toll-free: 0-528-5500, wait for dial tone and dial: 4450 (if you're in the 405 area) or 0-405-528-5500, wait for dial tone and dial: 4450 (for 918 area). OILS, 3033 N. Walnut, Suite 103W, Oklahoma City, OK 73105.

The First Sovereignty Symposium Indian Law in the 1990's

(A Training Session)

Presented by the Oklahoma Supreme Court, the National American Indian Court Clerks Association, and Arrow, Inc.

June 1,2 and 3, 1988
Skirvin Plaza Hotel, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

The course has been approved by the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education of Oklahoma for a maxium of twelve hours credit, including one hour of professional responsibility and legal ethics. Registration fee for Oklahoma State and Federal Judges are waived. For others, $50 before May 25, 1988; and $95 thereafter. The Symposium will provide a limited number of merit scholarships to law students and to other qualified candidates based on interest and financial need.

On June 1-3, the first Annual Sovereignty Symposium--Indian Law in the 1990's, will be held at the Skirvin Hotel in Oklahoma City, OK. The Oklahoma Supreme Court, the National American Indian Court Clerks Association, and Arrow, Inc., (a non-profit charitable corporation based in Washington, D.C., whose primary service is to tribal court clerks) are coordinating this seminar which will address current Indian Law issues of state and national significance. Chief Justice John B. Doolin, who represents Oklahoma on the Indian Affairs Board for the National Association of Chief Justices, suggested that the Oklahoma Supreme Court co-sponsor this event.

Will Rogers, Jr. (Cherokee), former Congressman, winner of the Purple Heart, actor, rancher, businessman, son of the beloved Oklahoma humorist, and Chairman of the Arrow Board of Directors will open the Conference at 9:00 a.m. on June 1. He has long supported Arrow's interest in efforts to improve the Indian system of justice. (A little known fact of historical trivia is that 1st Lt. John B. Doolin instructed Pfc. Will Rogers Jr. on the use of .50 caliber machineguns and communications during World War II).

Justice Yvonne Kauger (Cheyenne and Arapho) will moderate the sessions. She and her Staff Attorney, Alison McManes, Esquire (Cherokee), have organized the speakers and topics for the Symposium in cooperation with Ed Edmondson, former Congressman from the second district, a member of the Board of Directors of Arrow, Inc., Thomas Colosimo, Executive Director of Arrow, Inc.,; Browning Pipestem, Esquire (Otoe-Osage), adjunct professor at the University of Oklahoma School of Law; and Marjorie Redbird, Esquire (Cherokee), judicial assistant for Justice Alma Wilson, and Jane Smith (Colville), President, National Court Clerk's Association.

The Oklahoma Supreme Court's new issue tracking system has revealed that there are a wide variety of Indian law questions in the appellate pipeline as well as before state trial courts. These issues are usually of first impression and contain questions of constitutional import. Because of the seriousness of these questions, their precedential impact on the public interest and on the state judiciary, recognized experts in the field have agreed to a *pro bono* participation in what will be a learning experience for all those who attend.

Chief Justice Doolin said: "The Symposium, the first of its kind to be held in the United States, will bring together leaders of state, federal and tribal judicial systems to explore topics of common interest. Many of the tribal courts struggle with the concept of an independent judiciary, and state and federal courts wrestle with complex Indian law questions. It is hoped that by bringing together participants from these three different judiciaries mutual understanding will be fostered between state, federal, and tribal court judges and tribal court clerks, and that the administration of justice will be enhanced."

Arrow's Executive Director, Thomas Colosimo, said "that tribal court clerks are concerned about procedures, management, and transfer of cases from state courts. The Symposium will provide an opportunity for tribal court clerks to question the experts."

The Chief Judge of the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals, the Honorable William J. Holloway, will be introduced by Judge Wayne Alley (Shoshone), United States District Judge of the Western District of Oklahoma, will present the luncheon address on June 1. The topic will be "Indian Law and the Federal Courts--Recent Significant Decisions." At that luncheon, Senator Kelly Haney will present a joint resolution by the Oklahoma Legislature honoring Earnest Childers (Creek) and Jack Montgomery (Cherokee). Each are winners of the Congressional Medal of Honor. Mr. Montgomery will give the flag salute at the luncheon. The invocation will be given by Marjorie Redbird, Esquire (Cherokee) in her native tongue.

The speaker for the luncheon address on June 2 will be Will Rogers, Jr. (Cherokee). Father Michael Roethler, O.S.B., the President of St. Gregory's College, will give the invocation at the luncheon on June 2. St. Gregory's was established over one hundred years ago by the Benedictine monks who came to Indian Territory to provide educational opportunities to the Indians.

The Native American Resource Center of Oklahoma City University will sponsor a Mini-Conference on the evening of June 1. Kirke Kickingbird (Kiowa), the Director-Designate of the Center, a descendant of Chief Kickingbird, a signer of the Medicine Lodge Treaty,

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SOVEREIGNTY continued

Cheyenne Police, photographed about 1884, helped the United States Army keep order among their kinsmen in Indian Territory and drive white intruders- land seekers, whiskey runners, horse thieves- prevelant upon the last frontier.

-A Frontier Photographic Record by W.S. Prettman

will be introduced at that time. The co-author of "Indians and the US Constitution" and the author of "One Hundred Million Acres," Kickingbird will be returning to his home state. Senator Kelly Haney, a Seminole-Creek artist of national renown, and author of all major Indian legislation in Oklahoma, will also appear on the Mini-Conference's program. The Dean of the Oklahoma City University School of Law, Stuart Strasner, will moderate the mini-conference.

Before Columbus, a federal constitution had been adopted by Indian nations based on democratic principles of initiative, recall, referendum and equal suffrage in the Iroquois Confederacy of Five Nations in approximately 1570. "When we forget great contributors to our American history--when we neglect the heroic past of the American Indian--we thereby weaken our own heritage. We need to remember the contributions of our forefathers found here and from which they borrowed liberally." President John F. Kennedy, 1961, from "Indians and the US Constitution: A Forgotton Legacy" by Kirke Kickingbird and Lynn Shelby Kickingbird.

During the Oklahoma Constitutional Convention, which was convened on November 20, 1906, William H. Murray, President of the Convention, recognized the influence of the Indian peoples. Probably because he was from Indian Territory and closely affiliated with the Five Tribes, he noted that the Five Civilized Tribes were represented at the Constitutional Convention by the history and memories of the tribes and nations. (Others perhaps would have noted the accomplishments and contributions of the Plains Indians and the Five Nations of the Iroquois Confederacy.) Murray acknowledged the contributions of such men as: "...Douglas H. Johnson of the Chickasaws, Green McCurtain of the Choctaws, Pleasant Porter of the Creeks, W.C. Rogers of the Cherokees, John Brown of the Seminoles, each the chief executive of their respective tribes; whose courage, intelligence and diplomacy have made them the equal of many of the Governors of the various States. In addition to these are their past patriots and heroes marked among the graves of the dead. There was the renowned and beloved Tishamingo, who represents the father of the Chickasaw Tribes as does George Washington that of the United States. There was Push-ma-ta-ha, the renowned warrior and executive of the Choctaws, who with his seven hundred warriors stood side by side with General Jackson at the Battle of New Orleans and from behind cotton breastworks assisted in whipping the British from American soil.There was the splendid Sequoyah, the inventor of the Cherokee alphabet and spelling.These tribes, together with their white neighbors and friends sought first to hold their cherished ideas and territory rights for separate statehood and to create out of statesmenship, the State of of this, the State of. Sequoyah. In this we have failed, but we accept conditions as we find them; we bow to the decrees of fate. We take them as one accepts his sweetheart, with the determination that there shall be peace and love between these two Territories, but as Greater Oklahoma..." See, "A History of the Constitutional Convention of the State of Oklahoma" by Newal Ellis.

Eighty-two years later, many problems persist. Some of the topics which will be explored in the Sovereignty Symposium are: A Historical Review of Sovereignty; the Indian Child Welfare Act; Criminal Law in Indian Country: Cross-Deputization of Federal, State and Indian personnel; Procedures and Management for Indian Court Clerks; Tribal Law and Policy; Ramifications of Cooperation Between the States and the Sovereign Nations; Indian Law, the Courts and Court Clerks; Judicial Ethics and an Independent Judiciary; and Free Trade Zones: An Economic View of Indian Sovereignty.

Among the scheduled speakers for this symposium are Chief Justice John B. Doolin of the Oklahoma Supreme Court; Will Rogers, Jr., (Cherokee), Chairman of the Board of Arrow, Inc.; the Honorable Robert Henry, Attorney General of the State of Oklahoma; The Honorable Ross Swimmer (Cherokee), Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs for Department of the Interior, the first tribal leader to be named to a leadership position in the Department of the Interior; and Chief Wilma Mankiller. (In 1762, three Cherokee chiefs carried out a diplomatic mission to London. One of them was Outcite or "Man-Killer" who was often a guest of Thomas Jefferson's father. In 1987, Wilma Mankiller was elected as the first woman chief of the Cherokee Nation in Oklahoma, the second-largest Indian tribe in the United States.)

Other speakers include: the Honorable Lee West, United States District Judge from the Western District of Oklahoma; Gaylon Franklin, Sac and Fox-Absentee Shawnee, Second Chief of the Sac and Fox; the Honorable Ed Edmondson; Browning Pipestem, Esquire (Otoe-Osage); Phil Lujan, Esquire, (Kiowa-Taos Pueblo); Dr. Jerald Walker (Cherokee), President of Oklahoma City University and author of the "State of Sequoyah"; Leroy Bridges (Choctaw), Vice-Chairman of the Cultural Diversity Economic Development Task Force; Vincent Knight, Esquire (Ponca); Robert Fairbanks (Ojibway); Bob Herring (Chickasaw), Department of Commerce for the State of Oklahoma; Robert Bennett (Oneida), Arrow Consultant; Jane Smith (Colville), President of the National American Indian Court Clerks Association; Bonnie Martinez (Acoma Pueblo), Vice-President, Court Clerks; Alan Parker, Esquire, (Cheyenne-Sioux), Staff Member for the United States Senator Daniel Inouye; Ethel Krepps, Esquire (Kiowa), President, National Indian Social Workers Association; and Susan Work Haney, Esquire (Choctaw), Director of Oklahoma Indian Legal Services.

The Governor of the State of Oklahoma, the Honorable Henry Bellmon will address The Symposium at 1:30 p.m. on June 1. The Senior Senator from Oklahoma, The Honorable David Boren; and the Honorable Mickey Edwards, Congressman from the fifth district also have been invited to participate.

The President of Red Earth '88, famed baseball player, the Superchief of the New York Yankees, Allie Reynolds (Creek) will appear on the program to invite the participants to attend, Dutch Treat, the Red Earth Buffalo Barbeque, and juried art show on the evening of June 2.

Benjamin Harjo, Jr. (Seminole Shawnee) designed and donated the logo for The Symposium. Harjo, who also designed the Red Earth Logo, has exhibited internationally, and he has been instrumental in organizing several major group exhibitors. His latest exhibition was to represent the state of Oklahoma in the World Exposition of Historical Cities in Kyoto, Japan. Harjo is active in all facets of the Indian community and he shares his gifts unselfishly with the community.

The logo depicts an Indian policeman framed in a star. In Indian Territory, the Five Civilized Tribes had a body of men, the light-horsemen, who served as a mounted police force. The light-horsemen were given considerable latitude in enforcing the judgements of the court as much reliance was placed upon their discretion. See, C. Foreman, "The Light-Horse in the Indian Territory," The Chronicles of Oklahoma (1956). In the western half of what is now the state, Indian police forces helped the United States Army "keep order among their kinsmen in Indian territory and drive out white intruders--land seekers, whisky runners, horse thieves--prevalent upon the last frontier." From "Indian Territory - A Frontier Photographic Record" by W.S. Prettyman.

The majority of Oklahoma state trial judges have registered for the seminar. The Chief Justice is requesting tht each judge or lawyer with a tribal affiliation list it on the registration form. This effort is being co-ordinated by State District Court Judge, Ray Dean Linder (Algonquin Federation), Howard Conyers, director of the Courts of the state of Oklahoma and Anna Marie Cooper from the Director's office.

In 1986, the Oklahoma Supreme Court enacted Mandatory Continuing Legal Education for lawyers. The Oklahoma Judicial Conference has voted in favor of Mandatory Continuing Legal Education for Judges. Because of the budget crunch, the Supreme Court has not yet approved mandatory continuing education for judges. However, this seminar will afford the opportunity to federal and state judges who will be invited to attend the Conference free of charge. Continuing Legal Education credit will be awarded for lawyers and judges, and a limited number of merit scholarships will be awarded to law students and to others based on financial need.

The cost of the Symposium for non-judges, excluding the two luncheons and the Red Earth Buffalo Barbeque will be $50, if registration is received before May 25 and $95 after May 25. "Walk-in Registration" will be accepted on May 31, June 1 and June 2.The public is invited and encouraged to register and to attend The Symposium upon payment of the registration fee.

Those interested in scholarship grants should send their applications to Chief Justice John B. Doolin, the Oklahoma Supreme Court, State Capitol Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105.

Political overview of sovereign restraints and advancements

By Jim Wolfe

In 1787, the first session of the U.S. Congress ratified the Northwest Ordinance that opened the Ohio River Valley to settlement and westward expansion of the United States began.

. . ."the utmost faith shall always be observed toward Indians; their land and their property shall never be taken from them without their consent."

A provision in the ordinance recognizes Indians inherent sovereignty. It reads, "the utmost faith shall always be observed toward Indians; their land and their property shall never be taken from them without their consent."

In the early years of the Republic, Congress placed numerous restrictions and regulated Indian commerce, criminal activity and of course, land ownership.

"By 1843, most of the tribes had their lands reduced. . .or had been relocated."

Forty years after the ratification of the Northwest Ordinance, America's continued westward expansion was being inconvenienced by the federal restrictions regarding Indian sovereignty. In 1830, during the term of President Andrew Jackson, Congress passed the Indian Removal Act. The IRA authorized the President to "negotiate" with tribes for their lands. Jackson, a veteran of many Indian wars, forced the Eastern tribes west of the Mississippi. By 1843, most of the Eastern tribes had the size of their remaining lands reduced greatly or had been relocated.

Less than a century after Congress recognized Indian tribal sovereignty, Congress abolished the practice of making treaties with tribes. Legislation affecting Indians could be adopted without tribal consent of consultation.

"Surplus land was sold to whites."

The insatiable demand to open Indian land for settlement led to the General Allotment Act of 1887. This legislation made the tribes parcel land to tribal members. Surplus land was sold to white settlers. The stated purpose of the Allotment Act was to assimilate the Indians into the white world, yet Indians were not granted U.S. citizenship until 1924. Following the removal of more than 90 million acres of tribal-owned land, Congress abolished the General Allotment Act.

Being granted U.S. citizenship did not improve the Indians' welfare. The allotment act had disrupted tribal continuity and threatened to destroy any remaining Indian cultures.

Tribal fortunes were improved somewhat during the term of U.S. President Franklin Roosevelt. Roosevelt appointed John Collier as Indian Affairs Commissioner. Collier had been an advocate of Indian rights for many years prior to his work in FDR's administration.

Through the efforts of Collier and other like-minded reformists, the Indian Reorganization Act was adopted. The expressed purpose of the Reorganization was "to rehabilitate the Indian's economic life and to give him a chance to develop the initiative destroyed by a century of oppression and paternalism."

Aside from prohibiting the additional allotment of Indian land, the IRA created places for homeless tribes and increased the size of many reservations.

"1950's embraced policy of termination. . ."

The efforts of Collier did not last. In the 1950's, Congress halted the reforms and embraced the policy of termination. Congress approved a resolution that called for an end to the federal services, programs and monies for Indians.

This same Congress created Public Law 83-280 which defined Indian Country and was designed to release the responsibilty of Indians to the state. Over the next decade, Congress stopped providing assistance to more than 100 tribes and ordered many tribes to disband their governments and return tribal lands to individuals.

With the procurement of civil liberties by minorities in the 1960's, the federal government again adopted a different policy for Native Americans.

President Lyndon Johnson, who championed the Great Society for America, claimed that the federal government should "affirm the rights of the first Americans to remain Indians while exercising their rights as Americans."

Congress began passing number of laws that generated federal money for tribal development and for tribal development and economic assistance. Beginning in 1968, Congress created the Indian Business Development Act, The Indian Financing Act, The Native Americans Program Act, The Buy Indian Act and the Indian Self-determination and Educational Assistance Act of 1975.

"1980's brought apparent federal termination attempts."

Termination is the apparent federal poilcy for Indians during the 1980's. After capitalizing on the reforms of the late 1960's and early 70's, some tribes were adversely affected by the economic policy of Ronald Reagan's New Federalism. The federal government is attempting to give Indian jurisdiction to the states.

In February, the Department of Interior accepted Nevada's request to retrocede its civil and criminal jurisdiction of the Ely Colony Shoshone tribe. The tribe is small and Nevada's first offer to return jurisdiction of the tribe to the federal government was rejected because the move would not be cost effective.

In today's litigous society, the struggle for tribal sovereignty occurs in the courtroom.

. . ."Creek sovereignty re-affirmed by U.S. Court."

The sovereignty of the Creek Nation was reaffirmed by the U.S. Court of Appeals during the "bingo trial".

Oklahoma claimed that the tribe had to impose and collect state taxes at the bingo hall located on tribal land.

According to John Echols, an attorney representing the Creek Nation, said the state wanted a ruling that all tribes located in Oklahoma had lost their sovereignty in 1907 (at statehood). The court ruled that the interests of Oklahoma yielded to the interests of the federal government and those of the tribe.

Sherrin Watkins, tribal attorney for the Creek Nation, contends that most people have confused the issue of sovereignty.

"The issue is not how do (tribes) get sovereignty but, how much of it has been given away to the federal government and how much of it has been taken away?", said Watkins.

According to Steven Pevar, author of the book "The rights of Indians and Tribes", the "source of the federal government's power over Indians is its military strength. The legal source of its power is the Constitution."

Dr. Charles Gourd, an anthropologist and consultant to the Cherokee Nation believes the federal courts "are afraid to make a final determination" about tribal sovereignty. Gourd says the federal courts are not the proper place of jurisdiction between tribes and the federal government and that tribes should seek a decision regarding tribal sovereignty before an international tribunal in an international court of law.

Ely Colony Shoshone Tribe wins court battle; assumes civil, criminal jurdisdiction

On Feb. 26, 1988, the U.S. Department of the Interior announced its official acceptance of Nevada's offer to return, or retrocede, civil and criminal jurisdiction over Ely Indian Colony to the United States. The favorable decision means the Ely Colony Shoshone Tribe will now exercise exclusive jurisdiction over misdemeanor crimes committed by Indians on Ely Colony lands as well as over all civil matters occurring thereon which affect the interests of the Tribe or its members.

Nevada first assumed civil and criminal jurisdiction over Ely Indian Colony in 1955 pursuant to an act of Congress passed in 1953, commonly known as Public Law 280. In 1985 the State of Nevada, at the request of the Tribe and pursuant to special legislation, asked the federal government to reassume civil and criminal jurisdiction over the Colony. However, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs Ross O. Swimmer rejected Nevada's retrocession offer on on Aug. 20, 1986. He stated that retrocession would not be "cost effective", considering the small territorial size of the colony (110 acres) and its small population (185 members). The Assistant Secretary also stated that his rejection would not interfere with the Tribe's right to self-determination.

After the initial rejection, the Ely Colony tribal government enlisted the assistance of the Native American Rights Fund to request the Department to reconsider its unfavorable decision. On reconsideration, NARF attorney Robert Peregoy argued that tribal self-determination was in fact, the core issue. Specifically, Mr. Peregoy argued that a refusal to accept the State's offer would constitute an unlawful rule or policy whereby the United States was prohibiting an Indian tribe from exercising its sovereign governmental powers in the context of civil and criminal jurisdiction simply because the Tribe is small in terms of territory or population.

After considering the Tribe's appeal, the Assistant Secretary reversed his original decision and accepted Nevada's offer of retrocession. In acceptance letters to Tribal Chairman Bennie Reilley and Nevada Governor Richard Bryan, Swimmer stated that "the philosophy of self-determination is an administrative policy which I hold very dear and will encourage its realization of all Native Americans and their duly elected tribal governments...which have the right to petition the state to offer retrocession consistent with self determination."

The acceptance ended a three year struggle on the part of the Ely Colony tribal government to regain exclusive jurisdiction over civil and criminal matters in the Tribe's continuing quest to achieve self-determination.

'Treaty Beer' boycott urged

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OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP)-A group that says treaties giving Indians special fishing and other rights are discriminatory has hit upon a novel fund-raising approach. It's selling beer. But critics say "Treaty Beer" is nothing but "hate and prejudice in a can."

Gov. Booth Gardner, Sen. Dan Evans, church groups and other critics on Thursday denounced plans to market the brew in Washington and called for a boycott.

Dean Crist, president of Stop Treaty Abuse, the group that created the beer, said his home state of Wisconsin and perhaps 40 other states are having disputes over treaties giving Indians rights to fish, hunt game and use other natural resources.

Some of the profits will be used to press for implementation of an initiative calling for Congress to rescine old treaties that were interpreted by federal judges as preted by federal judges as guaranteed Indian fishermen in Washington the right to half the fish in their usual and accustomed fishing grounds, said Steve Arbaugh, president of a commercial fisherman's group.

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Recent Creek Indian killing onCreek land complicates justice

By Jim Wolfe

The issue of Indian sovereignty has frustrated a Creek woman seeking justice for the death of her son.

Margaret Mauldin says "justice has been set aside" and that the matter of Indian sovereignty might prevent her son's murderer from ever being punished.

In December 1987, John Mauldin was shot seven times, allegedly by another Indian, Ricky Sands, on Indian land near I.X.L., a small community located near Castle.

Sands was arrested by Okfuskee County officials and was charged with first degree murder after eyewitnesses signed written statements claiming they watched Sands shoot Mauldin. Sands was arraigned and placed in the Okfuskee County jail without bond by Associate District Judge Franklin Rahal. Assistant District Attorney John Walton charged Sands with first degree murder and asked Rahal to set bond at $1 million.

It was later verified that Mauldin had been killed on Indian tribal land. At that point, Mauldin says no one wanted to become involved with the case.

Walton asked Roger Hilfiger, U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Oklahoma, to file first degree murder against Sands because the slaying occurred on Indian land.

At Sands preliminary hearing, Rahal ruled that Okfuskee County could not file murder charges against Sands because the county had no jurisdiction. The state's murder charges were dismissed though Sands was charged with carrying a firearm after a former felony conviction.

Okmulgee County District Judge Charles Humphrey concurred with Rahal. The judges based their decision on a 1948 federal law that crimes committed on Indian land by Indians must be tried in federal court.

In 1885, the U.S. Congress adopted the Major Crimes Act which gave the federal government jurisdiction over seven major crimes committed by an Indian against the person or property of any person in Indian Country. Congress adopted this measure as a response to the U.S. Supreme Court decision in ex parte Crow Dog.

Crow Dog had killed another Indian on tribal land. Court officials ruled that the government had no jurisdiction in the case and released him.

Since that decision, Congress has passed numerous laws concerning Indian criminal activity.

Okfuskee County District Judge Jess Miracle notified the U.S. Attorney on April 11 to remove Sands or the state's charges would be dismissed and Sands would be released.

The U.S. Attorney filed federal charges against Sands on Tuesday, April 12. Two days later Sands was transferred to Muskogee.

Miracle refused to accept credit for the federal action. Miracle was quoted in the Okemah News-Leader saying "I just got tired of (Sands) sitting (in Okemah) for so long. I'm not saying the man's guilty but, (federal officials) need to do something.

On April 14, Sands was transferred to Muskogee. Assistant U.S. attorney Sheldon Sperling filed charges of first degree murder and posession of a firearm after a former felony conviction. In 1981, Sands was convicted of second degree burglary.

On April 19, a federal grand jury returned an indictment against Sands for the two charges.

According to Sperling, Sands has been arraigned and awaits his June 2 trial.

According to Sperling, who will try the case against Sands, the question of jurisdiction is complex and detailed because of the status of the Five Civilized tribes and allotments. Before Oklahoma statehood, the tribes had their cases tried before federal judges at Fort Smith, Arkansas. At statehood, that practice was abolished.

Sperling anticipates Sands' defense will argue that the federal government does not have jurisdiction for members of the Five Civilized Tribes since Oklahoma's statehood.

What concerns Mauldin is the possibility that Sands will be shuttled from court to court in trying to find someone who will try him. Mauldin fears Sands may never stand trial for the death of her son.

"I don't like to be told that (the Sands case) is different because I'm different," says Mauldin. I want the same thing as other people; justice."

Mauldin has no preference as to who tries the case. She says she has had to initiate every proceeding and will continue to persist in her efforts to seek justice.

"It's possible that justice won't be done because of the (sovereignty and taxation) issues," admitted Mauldin. "Indians are being used against other Indians to decide legal matters. One individual killing another, thats all it is to me."

Mauldin's frustration with justice is not limited to the case against Sands. She has been trying to resolve a property rights matter concerning an acre of land that is the final resting place for 16 family members.

The acre was maintained by her father until his death in 1973. After that, a neighbor removed the fence around around the cemetery and grazes cattle on the acre, including the cemetery.

The man, Phillip Klutts of Okemah, has placed a fence with a locked gate around the pasture which obstructs access to the cemetery.

Mauldin has hired private attorneys to resolve the dispute but, her efforts have been thwarted because the land is alloted land and the Bureau of Indian Affairs has jurisdiction. For three years, she has attempted to force Klutts from using her one acre.

On the day of her son's interment, Mauldin contacted Klutts to notify him that the family would be burying her son, John. When the family arrived at the cemetery the gate to the land was locked. According to Mauldin, she contacted the Klutts' in an attempt to locate a key to the gate for her land. She was told by Mrs. Klutts that there was no one there who could unlock the gate and suggested that the people pass the casket over the fence.

"So thats what we did," said Mauldin. "He's got plenty of land for grazing but he has to use my one acre. I can't imagine the greed."

The BIA has told Mauldin they will have to intiate a lawsuit against Klutts. But the BIA has known of the case for at least three years and no charges have been filed to date. Mauldin says Klutts won't fence the acre because he claims it will devalue his property.

Though the courts seem to disagree, Mauldin believes she should be afforded the same rights and priviliges as non-Indian citizens. "Just try to seek justice in Indian affairs," challenged Mauldin.

Though Mauldin has resigned herself to a long wait for the BIA to act in her land case, she has vowed to continue her vigilance in the Sands case. To that extent, she has prepared a packet containing several newspaper accounts of the Sands case from the time of his arrest to his transfer to Muskogee. The packet also contains a photo of her son, the medical examiners' report detailing the bullet wounds and a blood alcohol test that proves John Mauldin had not been drinking the night he was killed. The packet is prefaced with a letter that begins with a reminder that government attitudes have "abused (Indian) dignities time and again."

Mauldin has distributed the packets to national periodicals such as Newsweek, the television news show 60 Minutes, area newspapers and television stations and the entire Oklahoma Congressional delegation. She has received a response from Senators Boren and Nickles, Congressmen Mickey Edwards and Wes Watkins. She has yet to hear from second district Congressman Mike Synar.

Though active, Mauldin claims she has not bothered "anyone or hampered the investigation."

"I've waited to see what would happen in the first few weeks and it has been zero," says Mauldin.

Mauldin says she has nothing to gain from her efforts. She has accepted her son's death.

"There is no satisfaction in any of this for me," said Mauldin. "All I want is justice.

"I wake up everyday and wonder who I am? Indians have to fight for our existence. Now I'm having to fight my protector (the federal government) for justice. That's the irony of this whole situation."

Sands is being detained in the Muskogee City-County Detention Center awaiting trial in the U.S. District Court in Muskogee June 2.

MAULDIN'S RECENTLY SLAIN SON, JOHN, (l) is shown at age 17, with his grandmother, Lucy McKane and his sister, Gloria Mauldin.

Swimmer testifies before U.S. Civil Rights Commission concerning Indian Civil Rights Act

The U.S. Civil Rights Commission held its third hearing monitoring the enforcement of the 1986 Indian Civil Rights Act (ICRA) on January 28, 1988. The hearing, conducted by a subcommittee of the Commission consisting of Chairman Clarence pendleton, Jr. and commissioners Robert A. Destro and William Allen, focused on the role of the Bureau of Indian Affairs in the enforcement of the IRCA.

Ross Swimmer, Asst. Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs, testified that there are problems, both ICRA violations and with the mechanisms available to Indians, tribes and the federal government to insure that the ICRA is enforced.

He said that Congress and Administrations since the 1960's have "pinned their hopes on tribal government," and that the United States must "pursue a policy of strong tribal government" and give that policy a "chance to work." The alternative, according to Swimmer, would be "to recognize that no government is sovereign and to secure the rights of individuals by other means."

Commissioner Allen raised a question about American citizenship for Indians, which Congress conferred universally in 1924. Swimmer responded that Congress hasn't dealt fully with the issue and that tribe's are independent except so far as Congress has defined. This, according to Commissioner Allen, pointed to the incompatability of tribal sovereignty and American citizenship for its members.

Several Indian law experts who testified disagreed on the sovereign nature of the tribes. Robert Clinton, Professor at the University of Iowa School of Law, said that the "most fundamental right tribes and members have is the right to sovereignty.

The hearing is part of a multi-year study by the Commission on the enforcement of the ICRA. The final report of the study will contain recommendations the Commission will make about the ICRA, tribal justice systems, and the role of the federal government as it relates to these issues.

Mother's Day Tribute:

Memorial to Celia Freeman Berryhill

By Anita Freeman

My happiest memories as a child center around my Grandmother, Celia F. Berryhill. She was the only grandparent, I and my nine brothers and sisters had, and she was the epitome of a grandmother.

The most valued memory I have is that of the love she showed to me. From the time I was born, there was a special bond between us. One that was never spoken, but was felt so deeply, that as a child she and I were inseparable - a fact that exasperated my parents, who always told her she was spoiling me. They felt I should spend more time with the other children. Even my brothers, sisters and cousins called me "Grandma's Pet", which of course pleased me even more. I adored my Grandmother, and being with her was all I wanted.

I remember growing up in Kansas from 1951 to 1967 and looking forward to the summer when we would come back to Oklahoma for a one or two week visit. Driving down the last few miles of dirt road and turning into the long dirt drive that led to her house. The dirt drive was always rutted or washed out by rain, and usually over grown with bushes and trees that made her house almost invisible from the main road.

Being greeted by her smile, seeing the sparkle in her eyes mixed with tears, I always thought we surprised her by our unannounced visits, but she could always sense that we were coming.

She gave me a rich legacy of Creek culture and family history, not just through her teaching but also her life style. Her world revolved around two things, her family and her church.

Homelife at Grandma's was quite different from my homelife in Kansas, where I was a "suburban Indian", taking all the modern conveniences for granted. It was like a cultural shock in reverse. Grandma did not have electricity in her home until the latter part of the 1950's. Coal oil and kerosene were used in lamps to light the rooms. I remember following her from room to room as she carried the hurricane lamp, and watching our shadows pass over the floor and walls.

Heating was provided by cast iron pot bellied wood stoves in several rooms, warming the five room home, a house that my Grandfather Harrison Berryhill built around 1890 for his first wife Bettie Beaver. In the early 1960's she began using propane to heat the house.

Water was drawn from a well that was about eight feet from the front door. Grandma always insisted that when we drew water, that we bring in it the house through the back door, going four times the distance, rather than entering the front door. I never understood why, either it was a tradition or maybe she just didn't want water spilled on the front room floor. I remember it taking three of us, my sister, brother and me to draw and carry the full bucket. We thought this was fun, even though we would get callouses and rope burns from trying to draw a full bucket. I don't think children of this day would think it would be fun, but we couldn't wait until the water bucket was almost empty.

Running water was not in her home until the latter part of the 1960's and that was only a cold water tap on the back porch. In 1980 Creek Nation ESA Program remodeled her home providing hot and cold water and a bathroom inside the house. Up until that time, the outhouse was located about 30 yards from the back door.

For bathing, water would be drawn and carried bucket by bucket to fill the galvanized tub. This was usually done in the morning, by late afternoon the sun would have warmed it to a comfortable temperture. I remember the clean feeling after bathing with lye soap. After our baths Grandma would let me brush out her long hair. Her hair was always parted down the middle and braided on both sides, each braid was then wrapped to the opposit side of her head and fastened. When my hair was long enough she would fix it in the same fashion.

Preparing for bed, Grandma would make pallets on the floor, instructing my mother, (her daughter) where everyone was to sleep. It was an unspoken understanding that my place was in her bed. This was a tradition that must have started when I was a baby, even to my mothers disapproval it carried on until my early teen years.

Breakfast was a busy time for us. She of course would be the first to rise, and I would get up as soon as I heard or felt her moving around. Breakfast was the big meal of the day. We would begin by making biscuit dough and peeling potatoes to fry. Other items were cereal either rice or oatmeal, corn or hominy, meat either slab bacon or salt pork, milk and coffee. Coffee was served even to the children. Fried squirrel and rabbit were common at her table.

The customary table setting was plates and cup upside down. Men always ate first then the women and children last. This was a perfect example of family order and respect for elders. Grandma and I always ate last. We had our own table in the kitchen.

I always wondered when watching the men as they drank their coffee, why they would pour it from the cup to the saucer and drink from the saucer. The only explanation I could come up with was that it was a way to cool it.

After the meal was finished what was left was placed in the middle of the table and covered with a cloth, and added to for the next meal, very little was ever thrown out. No matter what time of day it was, if someone came to her home she would always offer them something to eat and drink. She considered it rude not to offer food and drink to a visitor. Even after her home was remodeled she continued to cook on her wood stove, saying that food didn't taste right unless it was cooked that way.

After dishes were washed and the house cleaned, the daily chore of washing clothes was started by building a fire outside under a hugh black cauldron, the same one she used to make sofkee and lye soap in.

The water would be almost boiling and the clothes added and rubbed against a knuckle busting scrub board with lye soap, then rinsed and hung across the fence to dry.

In the late afternoon we picked blackberries for a cobbler or to sell and gathered wood to cook the evening and morning meal with. She taught me the difference in wood, what kindling was and how to build a fire.

After the evening meal we would always set outside to cool off on the east side of the house. Looking out through the pecan and pear trees, I always wondered if it would look the same next year. This was the time we sat and visited. I'd ask her questions about her childhood and about my grandfather.

She was born in 1891 in Southwest Indian Territory, Okmulgee where Ball Brothers Plant is now located. Her parents were Hettie Checotah (Checote) and John Freeman. A short time later they moved on to their allotted land known as Tiger Flats, located in the Wilson Community south of Okmulgee.

Her father was gone a good deal of the time leaving them unprotected. At that time the Creeks were receiving a per capita payment. Outlaws were often breaking in homes threatening the Creeks and stealing their money. Being an unsafe time she and her mother left the home place and moved closer to town.

Her mother married several times after that. Grandma's half brothers and sisters were: John Freeman Jr., Mary Freeman, Lewis Freeman, William Freeman, Napoleon Jones Derrisaw, Martha Gibson.

She never had much to say about my Grandfather. The circumstances of her marriage were not the happiest. In fact she resented the marriage because it denied her of an education.

The marriage had been arranged by her uncle Martin L. Checotah. It seems to have been the custom for marriages to be arranged out of convenience rather than consideration of feelings.

In those days children went to school when family conditions could allow. When she was 14 years old, she attended the Wealaka Mission School, but this opportunity was short lived. Her family came after her one day, telling her that a marriage had been arranged for her.

She was married to Harrison L. Berryhill in 1905, he was widower, twenty years older than she. At the age of 14 she was married to a man she didn't know and step-mother to his children, William age 16, Elizabeth age 9 and Martha age 5. Thinking

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about this I can't imagine putting my 14 year old daughter in a situation like that, but that was eighty years ago. Because of her respect for her family she resigned herself to the marriage. I will always remember her as a quiet and humble person.

Harrison was a fruit farmer and preacher. I think she must have grown fond of him, together they had nine children; Johnston, Lewis, Abbie, Benjamine, Aaron, Elsie, Neffie, Unah and Hepsey.

Grandpa died in 1930, two years after my mother was born. At that time Grandma was about the age I am now, and not wanting to subject her children to the unkindness of a step-father she remained a widow for almost 60 years.

Saturday was our big day in town. We would start out early in the morning it would be a full day. I think we must have walked every inch of Okmulgee. At mid-day we would stop and eat at the Bishop restaurant. In the late afternoon when we finished our business - came my favorite part of the day - our yearly trip to the Council House.

This is when she would give me a lesson in family history.Taking me through the different rooms, she would point out our ancestors, in the old paintings and photographs.

Her grandfather Rev./Chief Samuel Checotah was ordained by the Methodist Conference in 1845 at the annual Conference meeting held in Shawnee, Kansas (ironically this was where I was being raised over 100 years later). Rev. Checotah was the founder of the Newtown Methodist Church one of the first Christian Churches built in Indian Territory. Our ancestors on this side of the family were Christians before the removal to Indian Territory, when they lived in Alabama.

Chief Roley McIntosh was the Chief during this time and he wanted the Creek people to continue in the old traditional ways of Ceremonial Grounds. It was against Creek Law at that time to preach Christianity and at one time Rev. Checotah received the usual punishment of 50 lashes for preaching the Gospel.

Rev. Checotah was also a Lieutenant Colonel in the First Regiment of Creeks in the Confederate Army during the Civil War. After he returned from war he became the Creek Chief. During his leadership, he abolished plural marriage and advocated Christianity. I remember the sense of pride I felt from Grandma as she shared this hertiage. I have shared this same history with my daughters, Sehoya and LeeAnn and hope that they will continue it with their children.

We would always end the tour-lesson by relaxing in the House of Kings or the House of Warriors. The windows and balcony door would be open, the hot breeze would be circulating through the room. We would wait at the Council House until evening when someone would pick us up and take us home.

Some nights we would sit on the big front porch, that at one time went 3/4's of the way around her house. She would tell us stories about "Este lebuskee" - the little people and the "honka", she did this to keep us from wondering off into the dark.

It was through her that I had my first experience with church. Remembering the campmeetings at Newtown and Tallahassee Methodist Churches. People from sister churhces all around would gather and camp at the church, in tents if they didn't have a camphouse. They were serious about church and camped for one or two weeks at a time.

I remember the tall white Newtown Church, traditional facing the east. My Grandfather helped build it in about the year 1908. Grandma's camphouse was the first house on the right in the circle that surrounded the church. Many times the road on the north and south going to Newtown would flood and the only way to get to the church was by boat or truck. The south road still floods today.

In the evenings about dusk, fires were built around the camphouses to ward off mosquitos. I would fall asleep, listening to the sounds of crickets, mosquitos and the men talking as they stood around the fires.

I remember us walking across the church yard, going into the church and sitting on the front row. The front row was traditionally for the elders of the church. The benches were hard and it seemed like the services lasted for hours, and in fact they did. Often times I would fall asleep across Grandma's lap.

The traditional church seating was women on the right and men on the left as you entered the church. The majority of Indian Churches today still respect this tradition, but with the inter-marriage to non-Indians, this traditions is fading. Partially because the non-Indian spouse preferrs to sit beside their mate, and they don't realize that this is the custom.

The church services, songs and preaching were done in the Creek language. I remember the men and women praying loudly some on bended knees weeping. At the time I didn't realize that it was the Spirit of God moving among the congregation, although I sensed that it was a special time.

An all too familiar recollection is that of the Deacon seated at the back of the church with his cane. He was the person we children feared. His job was to make sure there was order and respect shown in the church and on the church yard. Children were not allowed to run and play outside during church services. They were expected to be in church and be just as attentive as the adults.

I remember watching out the church window as he herded groups of children into the church, some of them trying to evade being caught by hiding behind trees and camphouses.

Parents respected the Deacons position of authority. Not like today, when they get angry when someone tries to discipline their children.

In some of our Indian Churches today, there are no Deacons to keep order, and so the children are allowed to play outside and run up and down the aisle during services.

Too soon our yearly visit would be over. The last day at Grandma's would be so painful for us, that we could hardly stand in the same room, trying to keep each other from seeing our tearing. I remember how heart breaking parting was. The endless pleading with my parents to let me stay, but to no avail. When we would leave I could never bring myself to turn and look back as we drove back down that dirt drive. I could not bear to see her standing there alone.

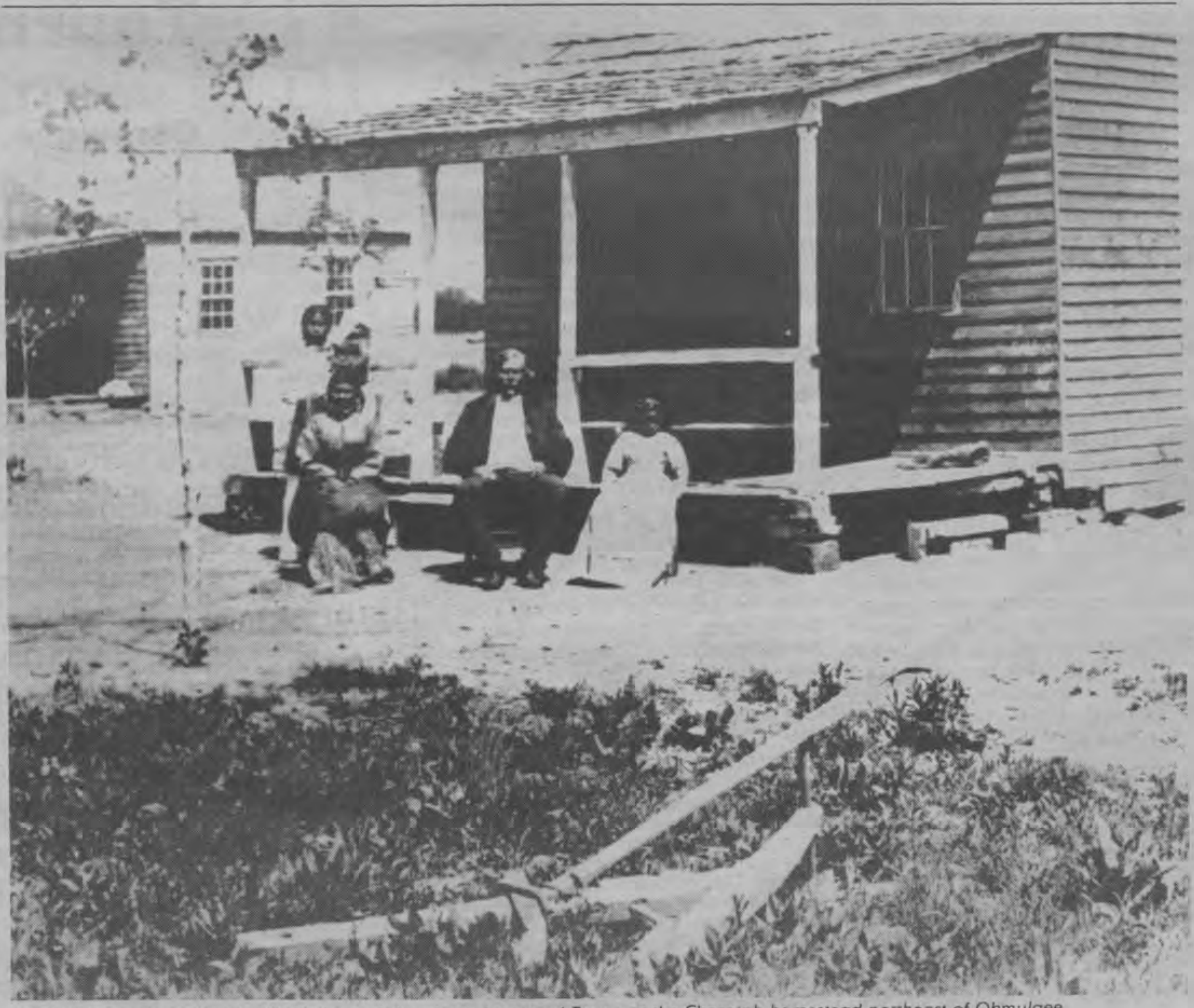
The last years of her life were made comfortable by the loving care she received from my cousin, Geraldine, whom Grandma had raised as her daughter from the time Geri was a week old.

On October 21, 1987, I took my daughters to visit her at the Doctor's Hospital in Tulsa. Geraldine, Sehoya LeeAnn and myself, listened as the doctor gave us a good report on her condition, we expected to take her home any day. As our short visit ended, I was the last to leave her room. I kissed her face and told her I loved her, she acknowledged with a smile and asked if I would come back the next day, I assured that I would and said goodbye.

The next morning she past from this life, leaving many loved ones, each with their own memories of her.

I would have never had any of these precious memories and experiences had it not been for my loving Grandmother. These are my rememberances of the most wonderful person in my life, my Grandmother Celia Freeman Berryhill

"In the stillness of the midnight, precious, sacred scenes unfold". . .



REV. SAMUEL CHECOTAH, *wife Lizzie, and daughters Anna and Emma at the Checotah homestead northeast of Okmulgee.*

Creek Festival '88

The third week-end in June is the legislated holiday for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. At that time, thousands of Creeks and other tribes travel to Okmulgee to the Creek Festival and Rodeo.

Over the past 14 years, this event has become very important to Creek people. It is a time planned for competition, celebration and reunion.

With this in mind, the Creek Nation Sports Omniplex was built and has become the center of activity for the Festival. Each year, more and more involvement has become evident, but each year it also is costing more and more to produce.

On December 7, 1987, the Principal Chief established an executive committee to coordinate the Festival and rodeo and to explore possibilities for the Omniplex to become self sufficient in a year around effort.

The Festival Committee has been meeting weekly to plan this year's Festival agenda and to establish guidlines for use of the facility for events such as softball tournaments and leagues, tractor pulls, ropings, rodeos, concerts; any event that will produce funds for the annual festival.

The committee is also planning to expand festival activities in the future, already starting with added events this year. They also are planning to construct a track for the olympics this year and to build association approved tennis courts in the future. Area schools and organizations have talked to committee members in hopes of using these courts for tournaments.

The committee hopes in the near future, all festival activities can be accomodated inside the Omniplex compound, with the exception of a golf course which could very easily be constructed nearby, if the tribe chooses to do so.

Initial plans for the Omniplex were to construct a large multi-purpose building for indoor events and also an olympic size swimming pool and a physical fittness center. These plans are certainly in the distant future, nevertheless, they are worth keeping in mind for consideration.

The Festival Committee has become enthused over the project and are devoting long hours of volunteer time to the success of this year's festival.

Presently, two full-time (but temporary) Creek employees are being sought to oversee the daily operations of the Festival Gift Shop located in the complex and the activities at the Omniplex, such as setting up leagues, etc. Hopefully, the project will employ more Creeks as it continues to grow and prosper.

All record-keeping for the Festival Committee is being conducted by the Creek Nation central accounting office. Daily cash receipts are deposited from the gift shop, as well as any other incoming financial transactions.

The committee works on a voucher system. Any expenses incurred are paid by accounting; with the checks being signed by two committee members. Financial reports will be available on a regular basis.

The committee has approved a user's fee for the softball fields and rodeo arena. The rodeo arena will be $100 for 24 hours with one free consession, additional consessions $50; 48 hours at $150 and 72 hours at $200. There will be a refundable clean-up deposit of $100.

For the softball fields, a week-end package will include: $150- one ballfield and one concession, $35 each additional field and a $50 clean-up deposit which will be returned if equipment and clean-up is satisfactory. The week-end package consists of from Friday afternoon through Sunday evening.

The Festival Committee extends its appreciation to the employees and tribal members who are volunteering their services to help coordinate the various events and to the Creek Nation Rodeo Club for their great cooperation in this effort to unify Creek Nation.

The Festival Committee members are: Carney Roberts, chairman; Robert Davis, sec-tres.; Steve Wilson, Harvey Gilroy, Bob Arrington, Helen Chalakee and Judy Rolland.

Creek Festival '88

$1 Security/Maintenance Fee

A $1 per person security and maintenance fee will be charged at the Omniplex south gate for those between the ages of 6 and 60 which will allow admittance into all events, including the rodeo. All participants are expected to pay. Upon entering, a ticket stub will be given and used throughout the day for re-entry untill 6 p.m. At that time, a different color ticket will be used and the $1 fee re-established for the evening.

Creek Nation Information Tent

The Creek Nation Communication Department will set up an information tent where tribal citizens can obtain tribal membership and tribal voter registration applications and sign-up for the Muscogee Nation News or make address changes or corrections for any of the above services.

Muscogee (Creek) Culture Video Tapes for Sale

The CN Communication Department has produced a library of video tapes about Creek culture. Four of these tapes have been compiled on one, 120 minute VHS which will be for sale at the tent at a cost of $15. The four tapes used in this production are: **Este Mvskoke-** *Beginning with the legend of the "Origin of Clans", this program provides an overview of the history, culture and modern achievements of the Creek Nation. Parts of the Green Corn Ceremony and a Stickball are shown. The role of Creek churchs is also stressed. The importance of education is featured, along with the recent progress of Creek tribal government. Length 24 minutes.* **Turtle Shells-** *The art of making traditional turtle shell leg rattles for the women stompdancers is demonstrated by Christine Henneha of Nuyaka Ceremonial Ground. She is one of a very few who has the ability to create these unique percussive instruments. Length: 25 minutes.* **Folklore of the Muscogee People-** *Program host, Dr. Ruth Arrington, (Creek), introduces the concept of legend, myth and fable as they apply to the oral literature of the Creek people. Six traditional Creek stories are told by Woodrow Haney and Susannah Factor, with illustrations by Creek artists. Length: 28 minutes.* **The Praise of Our Fathers: Spiritual Traditions of the Muscogee People-** *This program explores many aspects of Creek religious life, both traditional and Christian. Unique patterns of worship and fellowship at Creek Churches are portrayed, and their link to traditional ceremonial practices explained. The painful divisions caused by the coming of the missionaries are discussed, along with current atempts to reconcile and reunify Creek people in one spirit. Length: 20 minutes.*

If weather permits, a video monitor will be set up to view the video. A limited amount will be available, but orders can be placed with one of the staff.

Food Booths
Arts & Crafts Booths

Arts and crafts booth space is available at the CN Festival '88. Creek tribal members will be charged $75 for the three-day period and non-tribal members, $100. Contact 918-756-8700 extension 387 for reservation. Cash or cashier's check only, no personal checks, please.

Food concessions have been limited to six. They will be made available only to Creek tribal non-profit organizations at $100 for the three day period. Please submit your request in writing to Creek Festival, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447. Six names will be drawn by the Festival Committee. Additional requests will be first in consideration for the Men's State Championship Softball Tournament to be hosted by Creek Nation on July 8-9-10. This is the same tournament that has previously been held in OKC.

Commercial food stations, such as funnel cakes, sno cones, etc. will be

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Softball Tournament

June 17, 18 & 19
Okmulgee, Oklahoma

Men's All Indian Fast-Pitch
42 Team Limit

Women's Open-Slow-Pitch
32 Team Limit

$100 Entry fee - Payable to: C.N. Festival Activities, money orders or cashiers checks only.

Deadline: June 3, 1988

Prizes
1st through 7th Place Team - Umpires Trophy
Individual Awards
1st place - Jackets
2nd place - Windbreakers
3rd place - Trophies
4th place - Trophies
All-Star Jackets (8)
MVP Jackets (2)

Contact the office of: Steve Wilson, (918) 756-8700 or (918) 756-8987 - home. P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK. 74447

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limited to one each for each food type. First come, first serve at $150 for 3 days, June 17-18-19. Contact the above telephone number for reservasation or additional information.

Tennis Tournament

The Creek Nation Tennis Tournament is scheduled for June 18-19, at the Okmulgee City Park. Entry fee for singles is $6 and for each doubles team, $12. Entry deadline is June 15. Please make checks payable to: Creek Nation Festival Activities. Tournament play will begin at 8:00 a.m. both days. contact Phyllis Davis for information at 918/756-8700 extension 204 or (home) 918/652-2472.

Horseshoe Tournament

Horseshoe registration is scheduled for June 18, 10 a.m. at the Omniplex. Games begin at 11 a.m. The tournament will be singles and doubles with single elimination. Trophies will be awarded. $2 entry fee. See Zenas Dowling, tournament coordinator for sign-up.

Archery Contest

Registration for the archery contest will be 12 noon, Saturday, June 18 at the sports omniplex. See Tema Tiger for registration and entry fee. Shoot will begin at 1 p.m.

Co-ed Volleyball

Co-ed Volleyball will start at 9 a.m., Saturday, June 18. Entry fee is $40 per team. 12 team limit, 12 players per team. Entry deadline is June 10. CN Head Start staff will coordinate the tournament. Contact Rhonda Williams at 918-756-8700 ex. 338

CN Olympics

Tribes and communities are cordially invited to attend the CN Olympics to be held in conjunction with Creek Festival '88. The Olympics are scheduled for Friday, June 17.

Members of any tribe between the ages of 6 and 15, who are enrolled in a federally recognized tribe or have a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood are eligible.

Registration must be complete with medical consent forms signed by parent or guardian and returned to Olympic Coordinator, Creek Nation, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447, no later than June 7, 1988.

Contestants may enter no more than three (3) events. Divisions will be according to age and sex with exception of Mixed Relays.

All contestants must show certified proof of age when registering. Contestants must be uniformed as required by their respective teams. Please be sure all contestants wear gym shoes or track shoes, only 1/4" spikes will be allowed. Final authority on any protest will be administered by the Olympic director. The top three finishers in each individual event and relay event will be awarded medals. Point system (6,4,2, Double on Relay) will be used to determine a team or organization championship. The top three (3) tribes/organizations will be awarded a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophy.

The Olympics will take place at Harmon Stadium. For more information contact: Jimmy Hill, Coordinator, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447.

Creek Festival

All Events are Scheduled at the Creek Sports Omniplex

****Unless Otherwise Indicated***

FRIDAY, JUNE 17

8 a.m.- CN Junior National Olympics
*6 p.m.- Juried Craft Exhibition *Okmulgee Indian Community Center*
6:30 p.m.- Men's Fastpitch Softball Tournament
6:30 p.m.- Women's Slowpitch Softball Tournament
8 p.m.- Creek Nation 14th Annual Indian Rodeo

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

*8 a.m.- CN Golf Tournament *Fountainhead Golf Course*
8 a.m.- Men's Fastpitch Softball Tournament
8 a.m.- Women's Slowpitch Softball Tournament
*8 a.m.- Men/Women's Tennis Tournament *Okmulgee City Park*
9 a.m.- Co-ed Volleyball Tournament
*10 a.m.-6 p.m.- Juried Craft Exhibition *Okmulgee Indian Community Center*
11 a.m.- Horseshoe Tournament - Singles & Doubles
1 p.m.- Archery Contest
1 p.m.- Children's Games
8 p.m.- Creek Nation 14th Annual Indian Rodeo

SUNDAY, JUNE 19

8 a.m.- Men's Fastpitch Softball Tournament
8 a.m.- Women's Fastpitch Slowpitch Tournament
*8 a.m.- CN Golf Tournament *Fountainhead Golf Course*
*8 a.m.- Men/Women's Tennis Tournament *Okmulgee City Park*

2 p.m.- Annual Redman Roping (Open Jackpot Team Roping)

Arts & Crafts, Food Booths

8 a.m. til ?, Everyday

14th Annual Indian Rodeo

The Creek Nation 14th Annual Indian Rodeo is scheduled for Friday, June 17 and Saturday, June 18, beginning at 8 p.m. each evening at the CN Sports Omniplex located across Hwy 75 from the Creek Tribal Complex in Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

Indian cowboys and cowgirls from across the United States will be competing for a chance to go to the Indian National Finals Rodeo in November and for $7,500 in prize money in the seven major events: bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, bull riding, barrel riding, steer wrestling, calf roping, and team roping. Entry fee is $60 per event.

Prize money in calf roping for those 50 years and older will amount to $200 for a $25 entry. An All Around Saddle and Trophy Belt Buckles will be awarded to the top winners after the Saturday evening performance.

For Junior Events, 14 years and under, a $10 entry fee could gain them $25 in prize money per event in steer riding and barrel racing. For the very young, a calf scramble is scheduled.

The Creek Nation Rodeo is being held in conjunction with Creek Festival 88 and will feature the prized stock of the Rice Rodeo Company of Beggs, Oklahoma, who is well known for their dynamic bucking bulls. The rodeo is multi-sanctioned with other Indian rodeo regions, with the All Indian Rodeo Association of Oklahoma (AIRAO), Region 8, the host region.

Contestants must be at least 1/4 degree Indian blood and be a member in good standing with the association they represent. For entry contact AIRAO Secretary Katie Williams at 502/289-4261. Books open Saturday, June 4, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. and Sunday, June 5, 2 p.m.-6 p.m.

The Redman Roping, which will become an annual event at Creek Nation will be held Sunday, June 19 at 2 p.m. This jackpot team roping is open to anyone with a rope and a horse, both Indian and non-Indian, and should prove to be an exciting closing event for the Festival/Rodeo.

Admission fee to all events and the rodeo is a $1 security and maintenance charge at the Omniplex south gate for those between the ages of 6 and 60. All rodeo contestants and their family are expected to pay this charge. There will be no extra admission into the rodeo. The Creek Nation Festival Commission cordially invite everyone to attend.

CN Golf Tournament

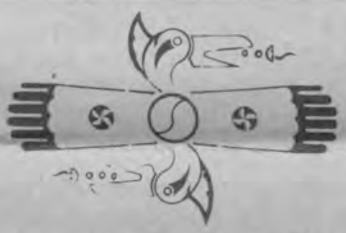
The annual Creek Nation Golf Tournament is again scheduled for Fountainhead Golf Course Saturday, June 17 and Sunday, June 18. Entry fee is $40, cashier check or money order made out to Creek Festival Activities. Registration will be at the golf course. You may pay entry at that time. Qualifying rounds will be Saturday, contact the Fountainhead Pro, Steve Kordis, to schedule time. Anyone wanting to qualify early should also contact Kordis at 918/689-3209. Men's divisions will include: Championship Flight, A,B,C and D Flights. There will be two women's divisions. Lunch will be served Saturday. Trophies and Cash Awards will be given. Tournament coordinators will be Simon Mitchell, Rick Kelley and Judy Rolland. For more information contact Judy at 918/623-2128 or Rick at 918/756-8700.

Children's Games

Registration for children's games will be 1 p.m. Games start 2 p.m, Saturday, June 18. See Jay Buckner for sign-up. Trophies will be awarded.

Camping Facilities Horse Motel

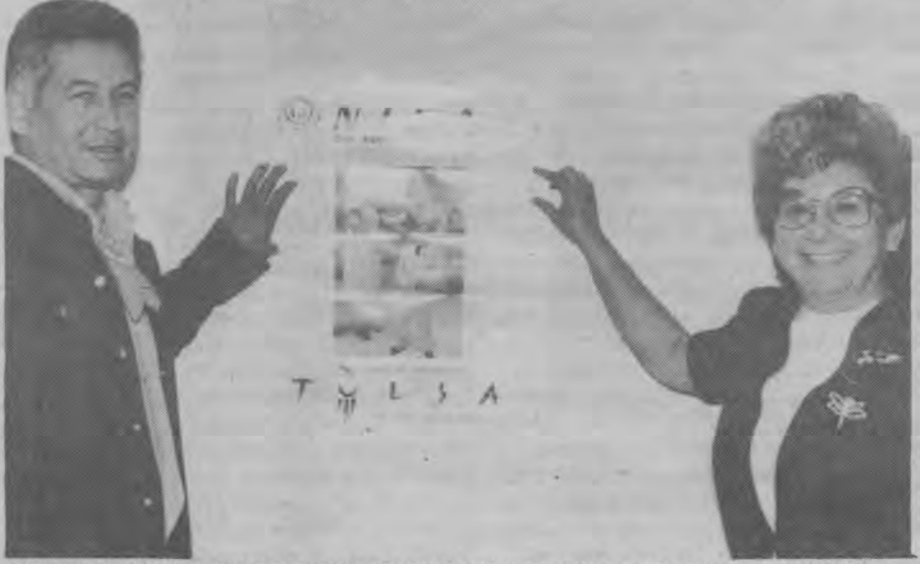
Camping facilities will be available at the Okmulgee Fairgrounds (*charge unknown at this time*) along with horse stalls (separate charge) in the fairground barn. The Fairground is located one mile east of the CN Sports Omniplex.



Juried craft competition/show set during Creek Festival '88-

The first annual Muscogee (Creek) Juried Craft Exhibition will be held during the upcoming Creek Festival 88. The newly organized Festival Committee approved the competition/exhibition hoping to stimulate interest in the designs and methods of producing crafts traditionally practiced by the Muscogee (Creek) Tribe. The artists should apply their talents using the same methods and materials to create for comtemporary use. A register will be compiled from the artists participating in this exhibition which will be used as a resource guide to supply the Festival Gift Shop with authentic Creek made items. Eligibility is restricted to members by blood of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. June 3 is entry deadline, five entries per person. The crafts will be on display throughout Festival '88 at the Okmulgee Indian Community Center. The Okmulgee Indian Community have donated the use of their building free of charge to this project for the advancement and promotion of Creek craftspeople. For more information and entry forms, please contact Joe Washington at the Creek Tribal Complex, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK., 74447 or telephone 918/756-8700 extension 335. All entries must be accompained by an entry form. Categories include: Silver, Pottery, Basketry, Beadwork, Textiles and Cabin Crafts (wood, etc.). All entries must be original work owned by the artist and must be for sale, priced by the artist. A commission fee of 25% will be charged on all sales.

Rhodes is Planning Chairman for '88 NIEA Tulsa Conference



DONNA RHODES, MUSCOGEE COUNCILWOMAN FOR TULSA DISTRICT and Council Speaker Kenneth Childers display NIEA Conference poster for the upcoming November Tulsa event.

By Kathryn Bell

Donna Rhodes, long-time state advocate for Indian education concerns nationwide, has been named Chairman of the Steering Committe for the November 13-17, 1988 National Indian Education Association (NIEA) Conference to be held in Tulsa.

The Constitutional Conference, whose theme is "Indian Youth: Learners Today...Leaders Tomorrow," is hosted this year by the Oklahoma Council for Indian Education (OCIE). "What we teach our children today, we will be tomorrow," said Donna of the Conference theme conceptualized by OCIE, of which she is a member.

According to Ms. Rhodes, who is a member of the Muscogee (Creek) Tribe of Oklahoma, her duties as Steering Committee Chair, include overseeing the work of that Committee, responsiblity for contractual agreements approved by OCIE, acting as Liasison between the NIEA National Board and the Committee and coordinating hotel and travel arrangements for the Conference.

The Conference is expected to draw 4,000 participants nationwide--"Since the '88 NIEA Conference is a Constitutional Conference, we are expecting our largest attendance ever--we have some good, informative workshops planned and are very pleased that the Conference is being held here in Tulsa this year. The last time the Conference was held here was in 1975 and we know that it won't be held here again for at least five more years," said Rhodes. "Also speaking on behalf of the Creek tribe, it is an honor and privilege that the Conference will be held within the boundaries of the Creek Nation." Ms. Rhodes, who adds political activist to the many roles she has served in within the Indian community, is the Tulsa District Representative to the Muscogee (Creek) National Council.

Maintaining a dedicated involvement with Indian Education locally, Ms. Rhodes served as the founder, director and later Board member of the Tulsa Indian Youth Council, Inc. Well-known in the Tulsa Indian Community, she has served on the boards of such organizations as the Indian Health Care Resource Center (past president) and past vice-president of the American Indian Theater Company of Tulsa. Recently, she served as coordinator of the Tulsa Indian Arts and Crafts Festival.

Involvement in Indian Education concern on a national level, include a Presidential appointment to the National Advisory Council on Indian Education (NACIE). Ms. Rhodes is active in organizations and programs which promote the health and welfare of her people, but her main focus is on education--"Although I am involved with other projects, I always seem to come back to education." Donna has also served in positions of leadership with various Tulsa community and civic organizations. She has served for two years as the past president of the Board for the Metropolitan YWCA, and was a recipient several years ago, of the J.C. Penney's Award for Community Service--the first National award ever bestowed by the J.C. Penney Corporation.

Having high expectations for a successful Tulsa Conference, Ms. Rhodes emphasized the important role of those who have volunteered their time, energy and skills to make it a good conference--"Such an undertaking of this proportion would not be possible without the dedication of those involved--we told the NIEA National Board that this Constitutional Conference was going to be the best ever and we are going to stand on that." The Steering Committee chairman praised the smooth coordination and capability demonstrated by the members of her Steering Committee: Bernadette Huber,(Sac and Fox) who is responsible for the Administrative Committee; Mary Jo Cole (Cherokee) Conference Structure, and Pam Iron (Cherokee/Laguna Pueblo), Special Events chairman.

Donna also praised the work of the other various Committees and their chairs, as well NIEA National Board Chairman Ed Parisian- "He has been a good person to work with--he knows where we are and he keeps up with us on conference progress." Also commended were OCIE's President Lawrence Hart, OCIE'S Project RISE (which is handling the administrative aspect of conference planning), the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce and the over 200 volunteers working with the conference planning statewide--"Everyone of these volunteers has put time, experience and indirectly, finances into making a successful conference - their efforts are to be praised."

Ms. Rhodes pointed out the cooperative spirit of the two NIEA National Board members, Stuart Tonemah and Bob Swann, who are coordinating with the Steering Committee on the upcoming conference and the valuable efforts of Conference fundraiser, Charles Pratt. "We had seed money of $1800 to put the conference on, and the total cost of actually putting it on will be $65,000--and we are heading toward that goal."

Donna, the mother of three children is currently working with the U.S. Census Bureau.

She was born in Eram and moved to Tulsa with her parents, well-known Creeks, the late Jess and Margaret Freeman. She grew up in Tulsa and graduated from Tulsa's Central High. She has attended Tulsa Jr. College, and Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, majoring in Business Administration.

Allison Berryhill selected Scholastic All-American

The National Secondary Education Council announced today that Allison Berryhill has been named a Scholastic All-American.

The NSEC has established the Scholastic All-American Scholar Award Program in order to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the Academic disciplines. The Scholastic All-American Scholars must earn a 3.3 or better grade point average. Only Scholars selected by a secondary school instructor, counselor, or other qualified sponsor are accepted. These scholars are also eligible for other awards given by the NSEC. These are awards few students can ever hope to attain.

Allison who atttends Okemah Middle School was nominated for this National Award by Dr. McKinney, Student Council Advisor. Allison will appear in the Scholastic All-American Scholar Directory, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in American history. Certainly, winners of the Scholastic All-American should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the National Secondary Education Council.

The Council selects Scholastic All-American Scholars upon the exclusive recommendations of teachers, coaches, counselors and other qualified sponsors. Once awarded, the students may be recognized by the NSEC for other honors.

Allison is the daughter of Al and Stella Berryhill and the granddaughter of John Berryhill of Okemah, Martha Nazworthy of Sapulpa and Cindy Holahta of Okemah.

Karla G. Fleming

Corps of Engineers name Creek 'Woman of the Year'

Sapulpan Karla G. Fleming recently was named "Woman of the Year" by the Tulsa District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Mrs. Fleming is a Supervisory Computer Systems Programmer for the Corps. She was honored with the award for personal achievement and because of her work to improve the opportunities for women employees. She was selected from eleven nominees.

Lt. Col. Alan C. Smith, Deputy District Engineer, presented the award during the opening session of the Annual Federation of Women's Week program. Mrs. Fleming graduated with honors from the Tulsa University with a Bachelor's degree in Economics.

She began her career with the Corps as an economist in the District Planning division in 1967. She is one of the original members of the district's Federal Women's Planning Committee and has remained active in the program throughout her federal career.

She is chairperson of the Corps of Engineers Harris Users Group, which works with vendor analysts and is responsible for operating systems testing and verification.

In addition to her work related responsibilities , Mrs. Fleming has served as President and Treasurer of the Sapulpa Azalea Garden Club and PTA Treasurer for the Sapulpa Public School System. She is also a member of the Sapulpa Band Parents Committee, serves as youth leader at First Christian Church and volunteers at Ranch Terrace Nursing Home.

She is the daughter of Mannie Wiley of Sapulpa and the granddaughter of the late Melissa Kanard Wiley.

Checotah Creek student wins 4–H Speech Contest

Jeremy July, a 12-year old Creek student at Checotah won the Junior Division 4—H Competitive Speech Contest for Checotah Middle School. He has also won the "Championship Talent Show" contest and is active in livestock showing. Jeremy is the son of Joe and Clara July.

OBITUARIES

REVEREND HARLEY G. ROBERTS, SR.

Reverend Harley G. Roberts, Sr., 64, died Thursday, April 14, at his home east of the Last Chance Community in Okfuskee County. Reverend Roberts was born April 23, 1923, in Okfuskee County. He married Elizabeth Mashburn on July 19, 1961.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth, of the home; four sons, Harley G. Roberts and Amos Roberts, both of Okemah, Sammy Roberts of Rattan, and Mitchell Roberts of Aurora, Ill.; six daughters, Nellie Roberts, Rosie Roberts, Louise McNac and LaDonna Beach, all of Okemah, Martha Fixico of Castle, and Lucy Mae Cloud of Bristow; one brother, Stanley Roberts of Okmulgee; two sisters, Ina Hicks and Susie Gammill, both of Okemah; 33 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held April 18 at the Nuyaka Indian Church with Reverend George Doyle of Coweta officiating. Interment was in Nuyaka Church Cemetery.

—Note of Thanks—

The family of Rev. Harley Roberts and Nuyaka Indian Baptist Church wish to thank all those who helped us in our time of sorrow. Special thanks to those who sent flowers and food and to all the cooks and churches who came out and gave us support. Thank you for your prayers and we ask you to continue to pray for us. We thank everyone for all the help you gave us. May God Bless You.

HEPSEY McGIRT

Hepsey McGirt was born September 3, 1908 in Coweta, Wagoner county, to Mr. and Mrs. Louise Marshall and died March 23 at the Oklahoma Osteopathic hospital in Tulsa, at the age of 79.

Funeral services were held March 26 at the Wetumka Indian Baptist Church. Officiating the service were: Rev. Jonas Partridge and Rev. Christopher Harjo.

She moved to Wetumka when she was a young girl and married Isaac McGirt, April 14, 1937, they raised a family of seven children. Her husband preceded her in death on February 26, 1959 and two sons, Dan McGirt on January 5, 1972 and John Thomas on January 21, 1978.

She was baptized August 18, 1917 at the Cedar Creek Baptist Church in Coweta by Rev. Billy Tiger. In 1947 she joined the Wetumka Indian Baptist Church. She served as a society deaconess and as Women's Chairman. Mrs. McGirt enjoyed all Creek and English Hymns, her favorite was "Peace I Leave With You" - "Mumis Komvkes".

Survivors include one son, David McGirt, Wetumka; four daughters, Irene McQueen, Rachel Asbury, Darlene Morgan and Deborah McGirt, all of Wetumka; six brothers, Jake Marshall, Wewoka, Jim Marshall, Shawnee, George Marshall, Dustin, Paul Marshall, Louis Marshall and Joe Marshall all of Wetumka; seven sisters, Ella Heriod, Holdenville, Martha Wells, Okemah, Christine Harjo and Mary Landsberry both of Henryetta, Annie Tiger, Ruth Harjo and Mimmie Marshall all of Wetumka; 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were: Otho Little, David (Sonny) McKinney, Leonard Harjo, Bobby Morgan, Donnie Asbury and Howard Tyler Jr. Interment was in the Wetumka Cemetery

JESSE E. WOOD

Jesse E. Wood, 21, 708 N. Hickory, died April 29, Friday, at his home. Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Pickett Indian Methodist Church with the Revs. Paul Nichols, Jonas Partridge and Tom Long officiating. Prayer service was held that Monday at the Pickett Church.

Burial was at the Hardridge Family cemetery, south of Sapulpa, under the direction of the Owen Funeral Home. Casket bearers were: Kelly Nichols, Paul Nichols Jr., David Brood, Henry Hughes, Randel Houston and Mike Houston. Honorary pallbearers were the coaches at Sapulpa High School.

Jesse was born Dec. 12, 1966 in Claremore and lived in Sapulpa all his life. He was a Methodist and was active in sports at Sapulpa High, including participating on the football and baseball team. He was a 1985 graduate of the High School.

The outstanding athlete was injured at age 17 in a diving accident in the summer of 1984. This tragic accident resulted in Wood's paraplegic condition, becoming respirator-dependent and requiring constant care. After a year in the hospital, Jesse was returned home to be cared for primarily by his mother Frances, family members and a nurse on duty twelve hours a day.

Many caring people came to the aid of the Wood family in helping to raise money to defray astronomical medical expenses incurred in Jesse's fight for life.

Survivors include mother, Frances of the home; stepfather Roy Joe Van Zant, Sapulpa; step grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E.M. VanZant, Willow, OK; brothers Jim DeGraffenreid, Sapulpa, Kenneth, Oklahoma City; sisters Carrie Watts and Julie, Sapulpa.

—Note of Appreciation—

I would like to thank all of you who sent cards, called, came by or brought food for the funeral. Thank you for your caring during our time of sorrow.
Frances Wood and Family

SALLY SCOTT HARRY

Sally was born on February 6, 1894 in Bryant, Oklahoma to Turner and Sukey Scott. She came to Bristow in 1911 and became a member of Choska Church.

While at Choska, she became one of the Mothers of the Church and was Communion Steward who was charged with preparing the Lord's Supper for the Church.

She married Eddie Harry in 1929 from which two daughters, Lillian and Louella, were born. Eddie preceded Sally in death in 1967. Both Sally and Eddie lived all their lives in Bristow and were lifelong members of Choska CHurch.

During her last hours of life, Sally told Lucy Bigpond, her lifetime friend, that she was about to finish crossing the Jordan River but that she was told to go back, and the next time she could stay. She also said to Lucy that she wished Jackson Deere was there to sing and pray. Sally was a faithful servant who gave her life to the Lord and tried to get along with everyone who came her way. In her death, Choska and the closest to her will be the poorer for it. She devoted her whole life to her children and grandchildren and brought them up in church. We are glad that Sally Scott Harry came our way...

She died April 6 in Bristow and her funeral services were held April 9 at the Choska United Methodist Church in Bristow with Rev. Jess Sullivan, assisted by Rev. Mike Harjo officiating. Interment was in the family cemetery in Bristow.

Survivors are; daughters, Louella McKay, Bristow; Lillian Miller, Grapevine,TX; six grandchildren, seven great grandchildren and many nieces, nephews, friends and Choska members.

ROBERT CHILDRESS

Funeral services for Robert Wesley "Chief" Childress, 100, who died March 30, in a Victoria, Texas hospital, were conducted April 2 at 10 a.m. at the Colonial Funeral Home.

The Rev. Jim Shamburger officiated with graveside services conducted at 3 p.m. that day at Restwood Memorial Park, Lake Jackson, Texas.

Mr. Childress was born July 2, 1887 in Coweta, OK to Ellis B. and Ellen Kernels Childress. A descendant of Will Rogers, he was the oldest fullblood Indian of the Creek Nation. He was a world-champion calf roper and second runner-up in saddle bronc competition in 1928.

Surviving are four daughters, Eloise Morris of Pawhuska, OK; Betty Thursby of Hahira, Ga., Bobby Stoeber of Victoria and Bonnie Fisher of Bastrop; two sons, Walter Childress of Spring Branch and Ralph Childress of Freeport; four brothers, Anderson Childress of Broken Bow, OK., Owen Childress of Tulsa, Ellis "Buck" Childress of Sealy and Ernest Childress of Coweta, twelve grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by his wife, Florence Elizabeth Webster Childress.

Memorials may be made to the Tribal Memorial Fund, Creek Nation, Okmulgee, OK 74447.

Letter From Evangelist Ernest Best. . .

"Behold the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither His ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you, that He will not hear." Isaiah 59:12

Our hearts were truly blessed as we were in revivals on the West Coast and in the North, we saw the reality of Isaiah 59:1. We watched as God moved upon the hearts of men and women in churches in Los Angeles, California, Browning, Montana and Poplar, Montana. Many came for prayer and rededication in each church, and six adults and one child accepted the Lord as Savior in one church. Some of these came from the Catholic and Mormon religions. How our hearts rejoice and we praise God for His goodness.

While we were on this tour we enjoyed being on the Houpa Reservation in northern California for one service. We also had the privilege of visiting with some friends and family along the way, who are also friends of this ministry.

In Browning, Montana, we were with Bro. Gary Hawkins, missionary to the Blackfeet Indians and his family. He is the young man who went out from our church in January 1987, to start a work there on the Blackfeet Reservation. God has really blessed their work there. We rejoiced to see 50 in Sunday School and 60 in worship service the last Sunday we were there.

During the month of March, we were in revival in Pine Ridge, South Dakota. Jerry, my son-in-law, Art Cochrane, was with me there. Art accompanied us in home and jail visitation. This was his first visit to a reservation. We felt we had a good revival with many coming for prayer and rededication. We were in a good revival with Brother L.B. Wildcat, Calvary Indian Baptist, Tahlequah, OK. We were in services in Temple Baptist, McAlester, OK, and Bible Baptist, Stillwater, Ok.

Our daughter an son-in-law have now joined us to work with us full time, beginning May 1. We are praising God for this. Please pray God will use all of us for His glory, and that we will be effective in encouraging Christians and reaching people for Christ.

We have had several delays in receiving Jerry's tapes. We have word now that they should be here very soon. We appreciate the patience of those of you who should have already ordered the tapes. We will get them in the mail as soon as they arrive. We do appreciate your prayers and financial support. Thank you also for your notes and letters. We really enjoy them.

Your Missionaries to the North American Indians,
Bro. Ernest, Bennie Best & Family

"Visions of the Future" Honor's Program held recently by Okmulgee Title IV/JOM

SAMMY WOODFIELD, *Creek graduate of Okmulgee High, speaks to Indian youth at the Title IV/JOM Honors Program.*

By Kathryn Bell

"Visions of the Future," Honors Program, was held Friday, April 22, 6:30, at Westside Elementary, sponsored by the Title IV-A/JOM Indian Education program of the Okmulgee Public Schools.

The program opened with prayer by Tom Berryhill, presentation of the flag by the Muscogee (Creek) VEV chapter, a Welcome by Mrs. Toledo McGee, Principal at Westside, remarks from Ted Butler, administrative assistant and musical presentations by Indian students Shannon Prieto and Teresa Titsworth.

Quannah Gee and Patrick Jones served as Master and Mistress of Ceremonies and Nettie Harjo, Title IV Parent Committee Vice-President, introduced the speakers.

The two Indian speakers for the evening, both members of the Muscogee (Creek) Tribe, were Sammy Woodfield and Dr. Pete Cosar. Danny Checotah, who graduated in 1984 from Okmulgee High, was a scheduled speaker, but was unable to attend. Sammy Woodfield, the son of Bob and Betty Woodfield, a 1984 graduate of Okmulgee High gave encouragement to the Indian students to complete their high school career, go on to higher educational opportunities and to pursue their dreams and goals with dedication and the ability to know they can do it. Sammy is a talented musician and accomplished his dream of being a member of the University of Oklahoma marching band as a clarinet player.

Dr. Pete Cosar, a 1968 graduate of Okmulgee High, and who has been on the faculty at Oklahoma State University for the past three years, gave an inspiring motivational message to the Indian youth present and their parents, teachers and school administration. His address was in support of those kids, particularly Indian students, who may not appear to possess the capabilities to become an academic success, but who, nonetheless, should be just as encouraged by parents and school personnel to excel--"I was one such case --some people may not have thought I would make it through school because I didn't do all that well in grades--but I made it. My message is that we have some exceptional kids that are here tonight and some exceptional kids that are not here tonight and we should be proud of all of them, because the ones not able to be here tonight are ready to bloom, too." Dr. Cosar received his doctorate degree from the University of Arkansas and has seventeen years experience in the field of education. The attainment of his doctorate, he strongly emphasized, was due, in part,to the encouragement and confidence that was placed in his ability to succeed by his instructors, family and friends. "Many served as role models for me and because of that important fact, I have and will always try, to the best of my ability, to support those kids who others don't consider to be exceptional." Continuing, he emphatically urged, "Parents and educators, don't give up on those children."

The critical issue of parental involvement in their youth's education was stressed by Dr. Cosar, as he paid a heartfelt tribute to his family's support, particularly that of his father, the late George Cosar--"My family encouraged each of us kids as we grew up, in whatever we did--they went with us to activities and my father supported me in everything I have accomplished over the years--and parents, it's important that you go with your children to the different activities they are involved in."

Dr. Cosar's suggestions on how to prepare to be successful in their academic endeavors included: early preparation (particularly important that youth have Indian role models to pattern themselves after); youth should remember the teachings of their parents on education and positive lifestyles ("Youth should have good spiritual teachings blending the best of Christian teachings and ceremonial beliefs"); and "believe in yourself--that's the most important thing you can do in any of your endeavors." Dr. Cosar further observed that the key to personal success also lies in "supporting other Indians in their pursuit of goals and accomplishments." Concluding, he addressed the youth--"Indian students - you are the best!"

Next on the evening schedule of events, Glenda Sullivan, Indian instuctor with the Okmulgee Schools, presented awards in Art, Academics and Activities, to many of the Indian students enrolled in the Okmulgee School System. A special award was given on behalf of the Title IV-A/JOM program to George Cosar, a member of the Okmulgee Indian community, for his help and support, particularly in their first annual Pow-Wow held last year. Wayne Cosar also received a special award plaque for his support of the Title IV-A/JOM program.

The Title IV Parent Committee includes: Linda Cusher-President; Nettie (Cosar) Harjo-Vice-President; Glenda Washington-Secretary; Ken Taryole-Treasurer; and committee members, Darlene Taryole, Rachel Thomas, and Debbie Hale.

Alice King inducted into NSU Hall of Fame

By Jim Wolfe

Former Creek Nation Princess Alice King has been inducted into the Student Hall of Fame at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah.

King, a graduate student in music education, reigned as Creek Nation Princess from 1982 through 1984. She is the current Miss NSU and will compete in the Miss Oklahoma Pageant June 6-11 in Tulsa.

"I was surprised and honored," was King's response to her selection to the Hall of Fame.

Nominated by members of NSU's faculty and staff and was chosen by a special selection committee. The committee considered King's academic performance, participation in campus and local activities and acheiving distinction on a regional and national level that brings attention to NSU.

King has performed in the Trail of Tears Drama at Tahlequah and in Discoveryland's production of "Oklahoma! She has performed at Opryland USA. King had the lead role in the Tsa-la-gi Theater's production of "Annie Get Your Gun".

A recipient of the Willie Nelson Vocal Music Scholarship, King received her bachelors of fine arts degree from Oklahoma City University.

At NSU, King is active with the Native American Students Association, the Baptist Student Union and is a member of the NSU Entertainers.

King was inducted into the Hall of Fame along with Teresa Shoemaker and Mike Adams in ceremonies held on campus April 22 by NSU president Dr. Roger Webb.

King resides in Tahlequah with her parents, Joyce and Turner Bear, Jr.

—Gospel Singing—

A Gospel Singing, featuring the "Psalms Trio" will be held June 12, on a Sunday afternoon at Middlecreek No. 1 at Carson, pastor Johnson Roberts. The Seminole Indians from Florida will be there for the Gospel Singing as well as other groups.

Creek student crowned '88 Sooner Sweetheart

Janita Screechowl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Screechowl, Sapulpa, was crowned 1988 Sooner Sweetheart State Modeling Queen in the 14-18 age category of the 1988 Oklahoma Sooner Sweetheart State Pageant held March 12 at the Scottish Rite in Tulsa. To qualify for the state pageant, Janita won the modeling crown in a preliminary pageant. Candidates were judged in interview and modeling of casual wear and party dress. She received a crow, banner, robe, scepter, tropy and gold watch. She will reign for one year.

Janita is a sophomore at Sapulpa High School and is active in FFA, Band, 4-H, Rainbow Girls. She is a member of South Heights Baptist Church where she sings in the Youth choir.

Frank Shurden to oppose Mike Synar for 2nd U.S. Congressional seat-

Senator Frank Shurden

Frank Shurden (D-Henryetta) has announced that he will seek the Democratic nomination and election to the United States House of Representatives for the 2nd Congressional District of Oklahoma.

Shurden is seeking to unseat the incumbent Congressman, Mike Synar. Shurden now represents Oklahoma Senate District 8. He previously served eight years in the Oklahoma House of Representatives, representing House district 16. Senator Shurden is in mid-term and will not have to vacate his Senate seat to make this race.

"I've been asked by many loyal Democrats in Northeastern Oklahoma to get in this race to give Democrates a choice. Your Congressman is elected by you the people of the 2nd District to reflect your views, not the liberal views of the East coast. The voters of the 2nd District want a more conservative Congressman who will use good Oklahoma "common sense" in casting votes in Washington," Shurden stated.

Shurden believes the majority of the people in the 2nd District want a congressman who will reflect their basic beliefs, such as the importance of traditional family values; a strong national defense; veterans programs; a "get tough" policy on criminals; a balanced budget; equal; treatment for all people; a viable social security and medicare system; a stable farm program; a policy that works for the small businessman; an advocate for the working men and women; a strong foreign policy; a strong educational system; and attracting industry and jobs to the 2nd District.

Legislation introduced by Shurden in the State Legislature over the last 10 years sought to benefit and protect the citizens from those who would take away their rights. "I will oppose legislation that seeks to further abuse you, the taxpayers, and take your rights as free people. Every great nation in history that has fallen was because it overtaxed and abused its citizens," said Shurden. "This must not happen to Oklahoma and America!"

Shurden is a rancher by profession. He attended Northern Oklahoma Junior College and Northeastern State University. Shurden and his family are lifelong residents of the 2nd Congressional District and currently reside in Henryetta. He and his family attend church at Salem Baptist Church, south of Henryetta.

Senator Shurden wants all citizens and supporters in Senate District 8 to understand that he is, and will remain firmly committed to representing and assisting his constituency in every way possible. There are many important bills that are yet to be acted on and Shurden assures full effort to representing this district at the State Capitol until the 1988 Session adjourns. He will then kick-off his campaign for the Congressional seat.

—NOTICE—

To become enrolled with the Creek Tribe, the following steps are involved in the application process, according to the Creek Nation Citizenship Board--

1. You must provide evidence of Creek blood by: a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), verfied by Okmulgee issuing agency, unbroken chain of birth certificates, court approved heirship or a combination of the above.

2. Make application for enrollment which includes ancestry information with the CN Citizenship Board, located at the Creek Nation Complex, telephone 918-756-8700, ex. 224 or write Citizenship Board at P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447.

Becoming enrolled does not automatically qualify you to vote in the tribal elections. To be eligible to vote, you must register with the Creek Nation Election Board and receive a Voter Registration Card.

Creek woman places in Five Tribes art competition. . .

Ruth Cole, Creek of Wagoner, and niece of Elisha Cole of Hulbert, has won three First Place ribbons and one Second Place ribbon at the April 10 awards ceremonies at the Five Civilized Tribes art competition "Art Under the Oaks." Ruth placed First in the Textile Division with her "Indian Corn Shawl," First in the Traditional Beadwork with a Black Chinaberry and Indian Corn necklace and earring set, First in Cabin Craft with a hand-carved wooden doll, and Second in Cabin Craft with a woodburned gourd bowl. The show was judged by Sunshine King of the Okmulgee Creek Museum.

OKLAHOMA CITY MUSCOGEE ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS *(seated l-r) Alice Wood, Board Member; Lisa Pena, Board Member; Betty Proctor, Board Member; Darlene Harjo, Board Member; Clarence Walter, Vice-Chairman; Mae Jackson, Program Coordinator; Jackson Barnett, Chairman.* *-Photo by Don Birchfield*

OKC Creeks Meet at Native American Center

The Oklahoma City Muscogee Association meets the 1st Tuesday of each month in the Intertribal Council Room at the Native American Center, corner of S.W. 28th and Harvey, in Oklahoma City. All Oklahoma City area members of the Muscogee Nation are invited to attend the regular monthly meetings and participate in the association's activities.

Currently, the association is sponsoring an eight-week Creek Language class, meeting each Thursday evenings at 7 in the Native American Center. The last two sessions of the current language class will meet on April 28 and May 5.

"When the current language class ends on May 5, we'll probably take about a month off and then begin a new eight-week class," said Lisa Pena, Creek Language instructor.

last October, the association hosted a Candidate's Night at the Native American Center, an event which drew a standing room crowd to hear campaign speeches by two candidates for Principal Chief, three candidates for Second Chief and six candidates for the National Council.

On December 19, the association held its annual Christmas Dinner at the Native American Center, an event which completely filled the gymnasium. On April 11, the association held its wild onion dinner at the Native American Center. This fund-raising event drew a steady stream of people all day long, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at $4 for adults and $2 for children.

Among the services provided by the Oklahoma City Muscogee Association are emergency assistance for rent, utilities, home repair, eye glasses and food vouchers, with each service limited to three households per month. Mae Jackson, Program Coordinator, maintains office hours at the Native American Center on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

"Our next regular monthly meeting will be Tuesday, May 3 at 7:00 p.m.," said Jackson Barnett, Chairman. "We invite all Oklahoma City area members of the Muscogee Nation to attend."

Economics training for political activists-

This summer the Center for Popular Economics will hold its Tenth Annual Summer Institute. The Institute is a week-long course in economics for activists from labor unions, women's groups, religious and community organizations, peace and anti-intervention groups, anti-racist organizations, environmental groups and progressive educators. The session will be held from July 30-August 5, at Hampshire College in Amherst, Massachusetts.

The course provides intensive training in people-oriented economic literacy and analysis. Topics covered include unemployment, inflation, international economics, unions and labor markets, the political economy of racism and sexism, Reagonomics and more. The goal of the Institute is to give progressive activists economic knowledge and skills that will help them in their political work, particularly in combatting the policies and rhetoric of the new right.

The Center is currently developing specialized curriculums designed for use in the Latino communities, and in high school classrooms. There will be meetings and workshops for people interested in these projects during the course of the Summer Institute.

The Institute cost, including room and board, tuition, and recreational facilities, is $300-$500 depending on income. Scholarships and daycare available. People of color particularly encouraged to apply. Deadline for application is July 15. Write to: The Center For Popular Economics, Box 785, Amherst, MA 01004.

Mvskoke Chapter VEV Center selected state and possibly regional and national Inter-tribal Assoc. headquarters-

Mvskoke Nation Chapter
SMOKE SHOP

by Jim Wolfe

The Mvskoke Nation Vietnam Era Veteran's Inter-tribal Association has been selected to house the Regional headquarters for a three-state region of VEV chapters.

Oakdale, already the site of Oklahoma headquarters for VEV chapters, will house records and will coordinate regional activities for VEV chapters in Texas, Kansas and Oklahoma.

The choice of the Mvskoke Nation Chapter to provide headquarters and leadership for other VEV chapters is recognition of a group that has persisted in its efforts to become a self-sufficient service organization intent on making the Native American VEV a contributing member to society.

In April, 1987, the Muscogee National Council legislated the organization into existence and appropriated $100,000 to develop the Inter-tribal Veterans Center.

The Mvskoke Chapter decided to renovate the Oakdale building at a cost of $25,000 less than new construction, with the idea of preservation of the historically significant Oakdale building.

Though still in the developmental stages, the Mvskoke VEV has a smoke shop and a gift shop in operation. In spite of the group's difficulty in maintaining an inventory with its suppliers, the smoke shop has provided money for the VEV color guard to attend various functions and has allowed officers of the VEV to attend workshops and conferences.

The Color Guard is a source of pride for the Chapter. They have received numerous requests to appear at veteran's funerals, pow-wows and parades. The color guard is one of the most active color guards. Group Post Commander McIntosh said the VEV has a great deal of pride in the Honor Guard.

However, the Mvskoke Nation VEV Chapter does much more than maintain a Color Guard and attend functions. The group recognizes the need for a Native American VEV Chapter, and from that concern, it is trying to develop assistance programs for Indian veterans of the Vietnam era. The Chapter hopes to provide veterans claim assistance, substance abuse counseling and a job referral service.

"The biggest question veterans want answered is about jobs," said McIntosh. "Basically, they are concerned with finding jobs that will support them and their families."

While the primary concern for Indian Vietnam Era vets is finding jobs, McIntosh admits that some veterans have difficulty adjusting to mainstream society. "We've got some vets that still have problems adjusting," said McIntosh. "All of us still have to deal with the problems from the war. You deal with it every day. . ."

Compounding the problem with veterans trying to adjust, is that many counselors have not had military experience much less actual Vietnam combat experience. McIntosh believes the Mvskoke Chapter can help Indian veterans to learn to cope with the trauma of their wartime experiences.

"After a while", said McIntosh, "The veterans get frustrated talking with counselors that have no vietnam experience. With (the VEV), we've got guys who were in the bush, who were shot at and shot.

"We can relate to one another. We gather around and joke about our reactions. We've helped a lot of veterans."

McIntosh knows that there are many veterans the inter-tribal association has not reached all of the Native American vets that need support. To reach them, the Muscogee chapter plans to start subchapters in the outlying areas of the Creek Nation.

The VEV chapter is ambitious with plans to host a national pow-wow that will bring people from that will bring people from Canada, Mexico and the U.S.

While the group is ambitious, it is of singular purpose; to assist the Indian Vietnam Era Veteran.

"We have kept growing. We're starting to get more people in our color guards," said McIntosh. "The Vietnam veterans just want to be brought back to society.

"If we can assist one veteran and then he can turn around and help another veteran," reasoned the post commander. "So if we have helped just one veteran, that makes everything we've done well worth it."

National VEV Pow Wow June 9-12, Pine Ridge

The Seventh Annual National Vietnam Veterans Pow Wow is set for June 9-12 at Pine Ridge, S.D. and will be hosted by the Oglala Lakota Vietnam Veterans Association. Registration will continue throughout the day, Thursday, June 9. General Assembly will be from 9 a.m. to noon, Friday with the Princess Contest Saturday morning and the Veterans Parade that afternoon. Pow Wow begins 2 p.m. Election of national officers will take place Sundaay beginning at 9 a.m. Pow Wow will start 1 p.m. and continue til midnight.

Jim McKay

Creek Named to Minority Business Council—

Jim McKay, Creek Indian, from Bristow, Ok., President of McKay Inc. of Idabel, Oklahoma, was recently elected to General Motors National Minority Dealer Council for a two year term. There are only 25 Indian Auto Dealers in the United States. 13 Chevrolet, three Buick, four Pontiac, three Oldsmobile and one Cadillac.

Jim is the son of Louella McKay and grandson of the recently deceased Sally Scott Harry. Jim grew up in Bristow and he is still a member of the Choska Methodist Church.

Benefit Pow Wow May 28, 1988

Arrowhead Pow Wow Grounds

This Pow Wow is sponsored by the Pittsburg County Choctaws- Arrowhead Club. All proceeds will go toward the 3rd Annual Pow Wow, to be held September 16-18, 1988. Bring Your Lawn Chairs. Everyone Welcome. No drugs. No alcohol. For information contact: Hampton Anderson 918/339-2711.

ATTENDING THE STATE FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP HELD IN TULSA APRIL 27-29, WAS DAN BURGESS, left, head of the Creek Nation's Higher Education program, as well as the following higher ed representatives of the Five Tribes. Left to right, Burgess; Turner Bear, Jr., Manager of the Higher Education Program at Cherokee Nation in Tahlequah; Jeff Frazier, Director of Education, Chickasaw Nation, Ada; and Larry Wade, Director of Higher Education, Choctaw Nation, Ada. Not pictured is Rosalie Grotehaus of the Higher Education program at Seminole Nation, Wewoka. Mr. Burgess is active in the field of higher education as founder of the Tribal Education Contractors Association and past president and vice-president of the Oklahoma Indian Higher Education (Scholarship Administrators) Association, and serves as a speaker on higher education opportunities for American Indians at various state and regional workshops and symposiums.

Muscogee National Council Minutes-

Legislative overview of April 30/May 7 meetings. . .

The National Council will send six bills to Principal Chief Claude Cox for his consideration as a result of the Quarterly Session of the Council April 30.

A bill introduced by Harley Little calls for extension of the tribal dental program to include dentures for qualified Creek citizens born on or before December 31, 1928.

Previously, the dental system gave preference to those people 19 and younger. According to the legislation there are 127 elderly Creeks that have been identified needing dentures. The Creek Nation office of Administration will provide direct care services to the elderly if the bill is signed by the Chief.

The program will be funded by bingo revenues.

The Council also approved a request by Thomas McIntosh for capital improvements for the tribe's agribusiness not to exceed $30,000. The purchases are to include two bulls, swine, a used truck, supplies for the feed mill, a swather and $8,000 for wages and benefits for parttime help.

An amendment to the Medical Aid Services that allows the placement of life-sustaining prescriptions as a priority in the issuance of medical services was approved by the Council.

A bill introduced by Second Speaker of the Council, Frank Kamp, established operational guidelines for the Festival Committee Gift Shop. The proposal calls for the Chief to submit a full financial report to the Council.

An amendment to NCA 81-13 that would require the Principal Chief to submit a personnel policy before the National Council was also approved.

The Council voted not to consider an amendment to NCA 86-27 that would extend the interim management committee objectives through September 30, 1988. The committee created to oversee the Okmulgee Bingo, acting as interim managers and making recommendations for permanent management. The committee objectives were expanded to include the economic enterprise in Okemah.

The Council also rejected a bill submitted from the Chief's office to appropriate $10,000 to the National Indian Gaming Commission and the Oklahoma Indian Gaming Commission for legal and lobbying fees with the pull tab issue.

The U.S. Department of Justice raised the question of legality through the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Oklahoma. The FBI has warned tribal officials that arrests will be made if the dispensing of pull tabs continues. The bill was narrowly defeated 12-10 with no abstenstions.

The Council was to have discussed six veto messages from the Chief's office. The Chief has vetoed six bills.

The Chief vetoed NCA 88-17 that would establish nomination and confirmation procedures of the Supreme Court justices and the District Court Judge in the tribal judicial system. The proposal would have amended NCA 81-18 and required full citizenship of the justices and judge.

Cox claimed the measure would necessitate a Constitutional amendment because Article VII of the Constitution does not require judges to have full citizenship.

The Chief also objected to the legislation because it would allow denial of due process for tribal citizens. According to Cox, the National Council has not taken action on court nominations from his office in two years.

A bill that requires members of the Task Force Management of Indian Resources to be confirmed by the National Council was vetoed because members of the task force are not tribal officials and serve at the Chief's descretion.

Proposed legislation that would repeal an earlier law and define certain offices within the executive office was vetoed. Cox objected to the legislation because it violates Article V, section 2 of the Constitution. In his message to the Council, Cox said the Constitutional requirement for the creation and organization of the executive office was fulfilled by NCA 81-13.

The Chief vetoed NCA 88-18, a bill that would require members of the Festival and Rodeo Committee to be confirmed by the Council. As with the tribal task force, Cox said the Festival and Rodeo Committee members are not tribal officials.

Chief Cox also vetoed a proposal that would make funds available to organized Muscogee Nation Indian communities for disbursement to their Creek citizens because the program would have included unchartered communities.

In his letter to the Council, Cox wrote that "the chartering process for a community had been established by ordinance." That ordinance enabled legitimate Indian communities to become extensions of tribal government. "Only chartered Indian communities should be awarded funding," the Chief wrote.

Council member Barton Williams introduced a resolution that would have changed procedure for Council action on vetoes. After a recess and brief discussion where concern about the resolution's Constitutionality was voiced, Williams withdrew his resolution and will submit it at a later meeting.

The Council then decided to address the vetoed legislation at the conclusion of the meeting. The Council then voted to recess the meeting for one week to consider the vetoes rather than adjourn.

After the week recess, the Council ad-

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SPECIAL SESSION - MARCH 17, 1988

CALL TO ORDER: Kenneth L. Childers, Speaker

The Speaker advised the Council that he had received a letter requesting a Special Session be called on this date to address the appropriation of funds to provide services through the Community Health Representative Program. The letter contained 25% of the required signatures for calling a Special Session, therefore, he was calling the Special Meeting to Order.

INVOCATION: Helen Chupco

ROLL CALL: A quorum was declared with twenty members present. Those absent were: Alexander Thomas, Larry Bible, Mickey Primeaux and Robert Buck.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

2-A A BILL OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION APPROPRIATING BINGO REVENUES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF HEALTH CARE PATIENTS. The Bill was read and considered as follows: Section 101. FINDINGS. The National Council finds that: A. In past years, the Community Health Representative Program has provided needed transportation to health care facilities for patients unable to reach the facilities on their own. B. In FY 1988, the Indian Health Service funded the Community Health Representative Program at a level of $414,664 which limited the provisions of transportation services. C. Further, the Indian Health Service has placed a low priority on transportation services in the manner in which program statistics are calculated. D. In Fy 1987, the number of transportation services was $2,048. E. Without the transportation services, many tribal citizens will be unable to receive needed health care. F. Bingo Revenues are available to provide for transportation services through the Community Health Representative Program. **Section 102** The National Council hereby appropriates Bingo Revenues to provide for transportation services as follows: 6 - Month Budget (April - September 1988) 11 - Community Health Representatives; 11 CHR X .11¢ per mile X 6 months - $7,260. Total amount requested $7,260. **Section 103.** The CHR Program will develop guidelines and priorities for transportation services. The Bill having been read the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was by J. Buck and seconded by Chupco to approve the Bill as read. Upon a motion having been made and seconded a roll call vote was taken results being: Nineteen in favor, none against, no abstentions. Motion carried. Bill 3-A was approved as read and shall be recorded as such.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

There not being any further business before the Legislative Body, the Meeting was adjourned by unanimous decision.

March 26 REGULAR SCHEDULED SESSION

INVOCATION: Thomas Berryhill

CALL TO ORDER: Speaker, Kenneth L. Childers

PRESENTATION: A certificate of award was presented to Mr. Ferron Cully, for his accomplishment of being the first Tribal Citizen elected to serve on the School Board for the Mason Public School System.

ROLL CALL: A roll call was taken and a quorum was declared with twenty-four members being present during this session. Two members were absent those being: Harvev Gilroy and Larry Bible. The Chair stated that all business transacted during this session to be valid and would be entered into the Creek Code of Laws.

READING OF MINUTES: The minutes of February 27, 1988 were considered for approval. The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Roberts to approve the minutes as read. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty-three in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion Carried. The minutes were approved as read and shall be recorded as such.

ORDER OF BUSINESS: Old Business

A Veto Message Returning NCA 88-09 entitled "Authorizing Funding for Economic Research and Development". The veto message was read and considered as follows:

March 15, 1988, Message of the Principal Chief Returning NCA 88-09 to the National Council with Objections.

I am pleased that the National Council is in agreement with this office that economic development is a priority for this tribal government. I further support several of the charges made by amendment to the original bill submitted for consideration. However, some amendments to the bill decreased the effectiveness and rendered the legislation. Therefore, I Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, do hereby return NCA 88-09 to the National Council with the following objections:

OBJECTION ONE: THE EXTENT OF BUDGET REDUCTION DOES NOT ALLOW FULFILLMENT OF THE STATED GOALS. This office concurs with the budget revision placing the proposed program on a fiscal year cycle. However, in order to fulfill the stated goals, an additional staff position is required. In addition, a need exists to develop printed materials for private, government, and civic distribution as part of an economic development package to promote tribal enterprise.

OBJECTION TWO: THE REQUIRED APPROVAL BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF EMPLOYEES IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL. Section 105, which requires the planner to be approved by the National Council is inconsistent with the tribal Constitution and other Tribal laws and policies. It is important that the individual be employed based upon qualifications and not political preference.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the veto of this office be upheld and the attached compromise bill be enacted in the place of NCA 88-09. Therefore, I do hereby return NCA 88-09 to the National Council as a veto.

Sincerely, /s/ Claude A Cox, Principal Chief, CAC/pd.

The veto message having been read a motion was entertained. (1) A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Almerigi to let the veto message stand as read. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Thirteen against, ten in favor, no abstentions. Those voting yes were: Wilson, Buck, Stacy, Frye, Johnson, Thomas, Buck, Rhodes, Chupco, Roberts and Almerigi. Voting no were: Cloud, Burden, Kamp, Dunson, Williams, Cleghorn, Newton, McIntosh, Bear, Little, and Berryhill. Motion did not carry as it did not receive the 2/3 majority vote as required. (2) A motion was made by McIntosh and seconded by Burden to over-ride the veto. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Seventeen in favor, seven against and no abstentions. Voting yes were: Cloud, Stacy, Kamp, Burden, Dunson, Thomas, Little, Bear, McIntosh, Rhodes, Williams, Childers, Berryhill, Newton, Cleghorn and Primeaux. Voting No were: Wilson, Johnson, Buck, Buck, Chupco, Roberts and Almerigi. A decision could not be made as to whether or not the motion to over-ride, did or did not carry and it was a verbal agreement that the Speaker should determine whether it passed or did not pass and that if there was someone that could not live with that decision they could take it to our Tribal Courts System to obtain a decision on this matter. * **THE SPEAKER DETERMINED AND DECLARED THE MOTION TO OVER-RIDE AS HAVING CARRIED AND THE VETO STANDS AS OVER-RIDDEN; AND THAT IT SHALL BE RECORDED AS A VETO OVER-RIDE into the Creek Code of Laws a such.** (3) A motion was made by Primeaux and seconded by Thomas to get an official ruling on that motion from the court system and until such time a ruling was issued the Council would not consider any other veto messages. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Sixteen against, seven in favor, no abstentions. Those voting yes were: Cloud, Burden, McIntosh, Dunson, Thomas, Williams, and Primeaux. Voting no were: Wilson, Stacy, Johnson, Kamp, Frye, Buck, Chupco, Rhodes, Buck, Bear, Cleghorn, Newton, Roberts, Berryhill and Almerigi. Motion did not carry.

3-B A BILL OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION ESTABLISHING LAW ENFORCEMENT UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE TRIBAL GOVERNMENT. The Bill was read and considered as follows: Section 101 FINDINGS. The National Council finds that: A. The Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and subsequent ordinances have authorized law enforcement as a function of tribl government. B. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation is currently involved in litigation against the Bureau of Indian Affairs which does not recognize the law enforcement jurisdiction of the tribal government. C. The Bureau of Indian Affairs will not allow federal funding to be used for law enforcement. D. The legal authority for Tribal Law Enforcement may take a long time to achieve, and a more immediate solution needs to be found. E. The best temporary solution for the Tribe is to have written agreement with the local law enforcement agencies within the Muscogee Nation. **Section 102.** The Principal Chief is

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hereby authorized to expand the duties of the Lighthorse Administration to include obtaining written agreements with the local law enforcement agencies where needed. **Section 103** The National Council hereby appropriates $171,000.00 from Bingo Revenues to fulfill the responsibility of this ordinance. **Section 104** The Budget shall be as follows:

1. Salaries		$32,300
1 supervisor	$21,500	
1 secretary	$10,000	
Fringe Benefits at 28%		9,044
2. Maintenance and Utilities		9,000
3. Equipment		17,000
1 car	$15,000	
miscellaneous	3,000	
4. Gas, oil, mileage		4,000
5. Office supplies		,700
6. Uniforms		,700
7. Contract Services		86,000
2/local Law Enforcement Agencies		
Fire Department		
8. Training		12,000
	TOTAL BUDGET	$171,000

Section 105. The Principal Chief is hereby authorized to modify the budget within the existing line items and budget amount. The Bill having been read the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by J. Buck and seconded by Roberts to approve this Bill. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: fifteen against, six in favor and two abstentions. Voting against were: Cloud, Burden, Stacy, Frye, Kamp, Bear, Little, Rhodes, Thomas, Dunson, Williams, Cleghorn, Primeaux, Berryhill and Almerigi. Voting yes were: Johnson, Buck, Buck, McIntosh, Roberts and Newton. Abstaining were: Wilson and Chupco. Motion did not carry, the Bill 3-B was not approved and shall be recorded as such.

3-C A BILL OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION CREATING THE EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOSPITAL AND CLINICS. The Bill was read and considered as follows: **SECTION 101. FINDINGS. The National Council Finds that:** A. Providing health services to tribal citizens is a priority for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. B. The tribal government currently operates a comprehensive health care delivery system which include a hospital, clinic, and other community and allied health services. C. In order to provide for effective and efficient management of the health system, and to comply with regulations and contractual provisions, it is imperative that the system be governed by a qualified management board. **Section 103** The Executive Management Branch for the Administration of Hospitals and Clinics is hereby created as the governing body of the hospital and clinic system. **Section 103.** The membership of the board shall be as follows: A. Executive Director, Office of Administration-Chairman B. Director, Division of Community Services-Vice Chairman C. Director of Finance, Office of the Treasury; Secretary/Treasurer D. Tribal Citizen-Two Year Term E. Tribal Citizen Two Year Term. The "Tribal Citizen" board members shall be appointed by the Principal Chief and confirmed by vote of the National Council. **Section 104.** The board shall provide a report to the Principal Chief and National Council on a quarterly basis. **Section 105** NCA 87-001 and any other ordinances or resolution inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Little and seconded by Johnson to approve the Bill 3-C ***No voting** A motion was made by Little and seconded by Thomas to postpone action on this bill and to have it clarified. Upon a motion being duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty-three in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion did carry, the Bill will be postponed for clarification. A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Little to authorize the Principal Chief to issue an Executive Order/Memorandum delegating Gary Breshears the authority of administering the operation and management aspects of the Hospital and clinics until a Board could be established. *No voting.

3-D A BILL OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION REAPPOINTING PATRICK MOORE AS DISTRICT JUDGE. The Bill was read and considered at follows: Section 101. FINDINGS. The National Council finds that: A. The District Court, as established by Ordinance is a vital component of this tribal government. B. District Judges serve one-year term upon appointment by the Principal Chief and confirmation by the National Council C. Patrick Moore, a full-Citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, has served the tribal government as District Judge in an effective, impartial manner. **Section 102.** The National Council hereby confirms the appointment by the Principal Chief of Patrick Moore as District Judge for a term to expire, March 31, 1990. **Section 103.** The term of office specified herein shall apply not withstanding any term of office in NCA 81-18. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Johnson Buck and seconded by Wilson to approve Bill 3-D as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty-two in favor, none against, and no abstentions. Motion did carry, Bill 3-D was approved as read and shall be recorded as such.

3-E A BILL OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING NCA 81-18 and NCA 87-20. The Bill was read and considered as follows: Section 101. NCA 81-18 Section 104 is hereby amended to read; The Office of the District Court Judge shall be nominated by the Principal Chief and confirmed by the National Council. All nominations rejected by the National Council shall be replaced by new nominations. The term of office shall be for two (2) years. **Section 102.** NCA 81-18 Section 106, is hereby amended to read: The District Court Judge shall be subjected to removal from Office by Ordinance for cause. **Section 103.** NCA 87-20 Section 102 is hereby amended to read; Patrick E. Moore shall serve a two (2) year term of office, effective March 1, 1988 and ending March 31, 1990. The bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Kamp and seconded by McIntosh to approve the Bill 3-E as read. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty-two in favor, none against, no abstentions. Motion carried Bill3-E was approved as read and shall be recorded as such.

3-F A BILL OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION REPEALING NCA 88-13; AND DEFINING CERTAIN OFFICES WITHIN THE EXECUTIVE OFFICES OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF. A motion was made by Little and seconded by Wilson to suspend the reading of this Bill. Upon a motion having been made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty-two in favor, none against, no abstentions. Motion carried. The Bill would not be read. **Section 101 NCA 81-13 is hereby repealed. Section 102 Definitions.** A. "Office" Offices of the Executive Office of the Principal Chief. B. "Appointed Officer" - A person appointed by the Principal Chief with the advice and consent of the Muscogee National Council. C. "Executive Director" - An appointed officer in charge of the Office of Administration who reports directly to the Principal Chief. D. "Division Director" - An appointed officer in charge of a major division within the office of Administration and who reports directly to the Executive Director. **Section 103. Office of Administration** A. Purpose-within the Executive Office of the Principal Chief shall be established, the Office of the Administration which shall be staffed by the Executive Director for the purpose of directing all activities associated with the following:

FISCAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES
  Budgets
  Contracts
  Management Information Systems
  General Services
    Personnel Property Control
    Purchasing
  Executive Archives
    Records Management
    Library
  Personnel Services
  Communications and Graphic Services
      The Muscogee Nation News
    Independent Agencies Administration
    Government Policy and Research

Section 104 Within the Executive Office of the Principal Chief and under the direction of the Office of Administration shall be established the following Divisions: A. Division

A. Division of Tribal Affairs
  Director of Tribal Affairs
    Lighthorse Administration
    Economic Research and Development
    Comprehensive Planning
    Realty
B. Division of Community Services
  Director of Community Services
    Health Services
    Environmental Services
    Social Services
    Community Research and Development
C. Division of Human Development
  Director of Human Services
    Employment and Training Services
    Adult Education
    Pre-School and Elementary Education
    Secondary Education
D. Division of Finance and Accounting
  Director of Finance
    Payroll Services
    Investments
    Tax Management
    Cash Management
    Accounting and Reporting

Section 105 Appointments to these offices shall comply with NCA 81-14 (An Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Requiring Preference in Employment be Granted to Indians). **Section 106.** The term of Office of the Appointed Office shall expire on the expiration of term of Office of the Principal Chief. **Section 107.** Appointments to these offices under this Ordinance shall be made within sixty (60) days upon approval of this Ordinance. A motion was made by Kamp and seconded by McIntosh to approve Bill 3-F. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken wiht the results being sixteen in favor, five against, and two abstentions. Voting yes were: Cloud, Stacy, Kamp, Burden, Frye, Dunson, Thomas, McIntosh, Bear, Little, Williams, Primeaux, Newton, Berryhill and Almerigi. Voting no were: Johnson, Buck, Chupco, Buck, and Roberts. Abstaining were: Rhodes and Wilson, Cleghorn was out. Motion carried. Bill 3-F was approved as read and shall be recorded as such.

3-G A BILL OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING NCA 88-07, APPROPRIATING FUNDING FOR THE TASK FORCE MANAGEMENT OF INDIAN RESOURCES. The Bill was read and considered as follows: Section 101. The National Council hereby amends Tribal Ordinance NCA 88-07 by adding a new section of Section 106 to read as follows: The appointment of members to serve on this Task Force shall be nominated by the Principal Chief and submitted to the National Council for approval to serve on the Board. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Little and seconded by Chupco to approve the Bill 3-G. Discussion was entertained and held. A motion was made by Kamp and seconded by Rhodes to amend Bill 3-G by adding a new Section 102 to read "Members of the Task Force may be removed by Ordinance for Cause." Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Eighteen in favor, four against, no abstentions. Voting Yes were: Wilson, Cloud, Stacy, Frye, Burden, Kamp, Buck, Dunson, Thomas, Rhodes, Buck, Bear, Little, Williams, Newton, Berryhill, and Primeaux. Voting No were: Johnson, Chupco, Roberts and Almerigi. Cleghorn was out. Motion carried. The Amendment was approved as read and shall be reflected in the final draft of the Bill. Upon a motion duly made and seconded for the approval of Bill 3-G a roll call vote was taken with the results being: twenty-one in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried. Bill 3-G was approved as read and shall be recorded as such.

3-H A BILL OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION ESTABLISHING THE NOMINATION AND CONFIRMATION OF THE SUPREME COURT JUSTICES AND DISTRICT COURT JUDGE AND AMENDING NCA 81-18 AND REQUIRING FULL CITIZENSHIP OF THE SUPREME COURT JUSTICES AND DISTRICT COURT JUDGE. The Bill was read and considered as follows: Section 101. Ninety days prior to expiration of the term of office of a Supreme Court Justice or District Judge, the Principal Chief shall submit a nomination to the National Council. **Section 102** In the event a nomination is not approved within sixty days by the National Council, the nomination shall be deemed to be rejected and the Principal Chief shall submit a new nomination within thirty days (i.e.

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a new nomination and not the same one that was rejected). **Section 103** In the event of a vacancy caused by resignation or death of a Supreme Court Justice or District Court Judge then the Principal Chief shall submit a nomination within thirty days of such vacancy. **Section 014** No Justice or Judge whose term of office has expired and who has not been reconfirmed by the National Council shall be permitted to sit as a Justice or Judge and shall receive no compensation. **Section 105** NCA 81-18 is hereby amended to extend the term of office of a District Judge to two years. **Section 106** The District Judge and the Supreme Court Justices shall be full citizens. The Bill having been read the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Rhodes and seconded by Roberts to approve the Bill 3-H. Upon a motion having been made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Nineteen in favor, none against and no abstentions. Cleghorn, Wilson and Johnson Buck were OUT. Motion carried Bill 3-H was approved as read and shall recorded as such.

3-I A BILL OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION APPROPRIATING BINGO REVENUES FOR THE REVENUES FOR THE 1988 CREEK NATION FESTIVAL AND RODEO. The Bill was read and considered as follows: Section 101 FINDINGS. The National Council finds that: A. A Committee representing the participating organizations has been established to co-ordinate the Creek Nation Festival and Rodeo. B. The Committee has prepared a budget indicating the cost of all activities which will total $61,205. C. The Committee expects to have $15,000 available to the Committee, leaving a deficit of $46,206. **Section 102.** The Principal Chief is authorized to grant Bingo Revenues to the Festival and Rodeo Committee for the 1988 Rodeo and Festival in the amount of $46,206. **Section 103. Appointments.** The members that will be sitting on the Committee for the Festival and Rodeo Committee shall be appointed by the Principal Chief, with the appointments being approved by the National Council. **Section 104 Accountability.** The Committees shall provide an accountability to expended funds for the previous years of 1986 and 1987 as soon as practical; and shall also provide an accountability of the FY 1988 Creek Nation Festival within thirty (30) days after it ceases. **Section 105 Withdrawal.** The 7151 funds which were appropriated in NCA 86-79 for the start-up costs of a smokeshop at the Okmulgee Bingo Facility in the amount of $10,000 but have not been spent for that operation shall be withdrawn from that account and placed into the account for the Creek Festival and Rodeo. The Bill 3-I having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. (1) A motion was made by Chupco and seconded by Almerigi to approve Bill 3-I. Discussion was entertained and held. (2) A motion was made by Roberts and seconded by Kamp to add a Section 106 to read "The Committee is authorized to make daily or weekly leases on the Omniplex with the approval of the Principal Chief. A roll call vote was taken with the results being: Sixteen in favor, two against and one abstention. Voting Yes were: Cloud, Stacy, Kamp, Johnson, Frye, Dunson, Chupco, Little, Bear, Rhodes, Buck, Williams, Almerigi, Newton, Berryhill and Roberts. Voting No were: McIntosh and Primeaux. Johnson Buck, Wilson, Thomas, and Cleghorn were OUT. Motion carried, the amendment as approved as read. (3) A motion was made by Williams and seconded by Stacy to add a section 108 Money will not be dispersed until the appointments are approved. Upon a motion having been made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twelve in favor, eight against, no abstentions. Voting Yes were: Cloud, Burden, Frye, Bear, Dunson, Thomas, Rhodes, Berryhill, Primeaux and Williams. Voting No were: Kamp, Johnson, Chupco, McIntosh, Little, Buck, Roberts and Almerigi. Johnson Buck, Wilson, Stacy, and Cleghorn were OUT. Motion carried, the amendment was approved as read. (4) A motion was made by Stacy and seconded by Almerigi to add a new section to read "Procedures and guidelines are to be set for the Committee to expend funds; and within 60 days present them to the National Council for their approval. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Sixteen in favor, two against and one abstention. Voting Yes were: Cloud, Burden, Dunson, Thomas, Chupco, Rhodes, Stacy, Williams, Roberts, Primeaux, Frye, Johnson, Buck, Little, Newton, Berryhill and Almerigi. Voting No were: McIntosh, Bear. Kamp abstaining. Johnson Buck, Wilson and Cleghorn were OUT. Motion carried, the amendment was approved as read. (5) A motion was made by Kamp and seconded by Burden to delete the phrase "The Committee for" in Section 103. Upon a motion having been made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: eighteen in favor, one against, no abstentions. Voting Yes were: Cloud, Stacy, Burden, Frye, Kamp, Johnson, Dunson, Thomas, Chupco, Rhodes, Buck, Little, Bear, Williams, Roberts, Primeaux, Newton, Berryhill and Almerigi. Voting No: McIntosh. Wilson, J. Buck and Cleghorn were OUT. Motion carried, the amendment was approved as read. Upon a motion having been made by Chupco and seconded by Almerigi to approve the Bill 3-I, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: fifteen in favor, three against, one abstentions. Voting Yes were: Cloud, Stacy, Burden, Kamp, Frye, Dunson, Thomas, Chupco, Rhodes, Buck, Bear, Williams, Primeaux, Newton, Berryhill and Almerigi. Voting No were: Johnson, McIntosh, and Roberts. Little abstaining. Wilson, Cleghorn and J. Buck were OUT. Motion carried. Bill 3-I was approved as amended and shall be recorded as such.

3-J A RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION SUPPORTING AND RECOMMENDING THE PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION ADDRESSING THE INDIAN GAMING ISSUE, AS SUCH, CONGRESSMAN UDALL'S H.R. #2507 (With specific Amendments relating to Class III Gaming as Proposed by Congressman Coelho). A motion was made by Little and seconded by Johnson to suspend the reading of the Resolution. Upon a motion having been made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Seventeen in favor, none against, no abstentions. Wilson, Cleghorn, Buck and Buck were OUT. Motion carried. THE RESOLUTION WOULD NOT BE READ, but for the record it will be inserted into the minutes as though it had. The RESOLUTION was recorded as follows: **Section 101** Introduced by Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation (for himself and the Executive Branch). **Section 102. FINDINGS.** The National Council finds that gaming is an important and viable economic development of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation as well as other American Indian Tribes. That, there is currently pending before Congress legislation which could provide for a fair legislative solution to the Indian Gaming issue. That, this legislation is being proposed by Congressman Udall as H.R. #2507. That, a compromise of H.R. #2507 has been proposed by Congressman Coelho concerning Indians engaging in Class III Gaming. That, while we prefer to support H.R. #2507 without the Coelho amendments, as a political reality we must reluctantly support these amendments. Furthermore, the National Council finds that it must support any federal legislation which will serve to preserve and protect Indian Gaming, as this activity is an important and successful economic development project of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. **Section 103. Declaration of Purpose.** To indicate this National Council's support for a permanent legislative solution which will preserve Indian Gaming, as such, H.R. #2507 as amended. **Section 104. Resolution Body.** Whereas, gaming is an important economic development project of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, and; Whereas, there is currently pending before Congress a Bill with amendments, which is acceptable to this Nation's interest. Now Therefore Be It Resolved; the National Council on this date recommends that Congress act expeditiously and does ratify H.R. 2507 as amended. A motion was made by Williams and seconded by Little to approve the Resolution. Upon a motion having been made and seconded a roll call voting was taken, results being: Seventeen in favor, none against, no abstentions. Buck, Buck, Wilson, Rhodes and Cleghorn were OUT. Motion carried, the Resolution was approved. A motion was made by Almerigi and seconded by Stacy to have the certification to this Resolution reflect that it was passed by the National Council unanimously.

3-K A BILL OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING FUNDING FOR ECONOMIC RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT. *This Bill was not read, only the title. A motion was made by Almerigi and seconded by Burden to postpone action on Bill 3-K. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken, results being; seventeen in favor, none against, no abstentions. Wilson, Buck, Buck, Cleghorn and Rhodes were OUT. Motion carried, Bill 3-k was postponed and shall be recorded as such.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

A motion was made by Kamp and seconded by Bear to place items 3-L and 3-M on the agenda for Consideration. Upon a motion being made and seconded a roll call vote was taken, results being: fifteen in favor, two against, no abstentions. Voting No were: Stacy and Williams. Wilson, Cleghorn, Roberts, Buck, Rhodes, and Buck were OUT. Motion carried, Bills 3-L and 3-M were placed on the agenda for consideration as follows:

3-L A BILL OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION TO EXPRESS THE SUPPORT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE FEDERAL INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACTS AND TO ADOPT RULES, POLICIES, AND PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED BY MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION INDIAN CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM. *A motion as made by Williams and seconded by Kamp to suspend the reading of the Bill 3-L. Upon a motion having been made and seconded a roll call vote was taken, the results being: sixteen in favor, one against, no abstentions. Voting no was, Burden. Wilson, Buck, Rhodes, Buck, Cleghorn and Roberts were OUT. Motion carried, Bill 3-L will not be read during this session, but it shall be inserted into the minutes as though it had. A motion was made by Kamp and seconded by Stacy to approve Bill 3-L as presented. Upon a motion having been made and seconded a roll call vote was taken results being: seventeen in favor, none against, no abstentions. Wilson, Buck, Buck, Rhodes, Cleghorn and Roberts were OUT. Motion carried, Bill 3-L was approved and shall be recorded as such. For the record Bill 3-L as it was presented **Section 101 FINDINGS.** The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Indian Child Welfare Program has had great difficulty in the enforcement of the Federal Indian Child Welfare Act in State Courts in the area of adoption of Creek children. Almost every argument put forth by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation for the enforcement of the Federal Indian Child Welfare Act has been addressed and given force and effect in the proposed amendments to the Act currently being considered by Congress. Muscogee (Creek) Nation has consistently to find Creek adoptive homes for Creek children. Muscogee (Creek) Nation has consistently been thwarted in its efforts on behalf of Creek children and itself by the serious shortage of adoptable white infants. Non-Creek adoptive couples are seeking to adopt Creek children more and more frequently. **Section 102. Policy.** It is the Policy and purpose of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation to further the best interests of Creek children, and the best interest of Creek children requires that their care and custody be placed with, or that their contacts with Creek people be maintained, whenever possible, even in the situation of voluntary adoptions. **Section 103. Support and Recommendations:** To further the policy of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation concerning Creek Children the Muscogee (Creek) Nation hereby resolves that it supports the proposed amendments to the Federal Indian Child Welfare Act in order to express to Congress its desire that these amendments be enacted with the recommendation that Congress consider adding language to proposed amendments Section 105 (e) to the effect that a parent's placement preference is not to be automatically treated as overriding Section 105 (a), especially where the parent or parent's seeking a confidential and anonymous placement or a placement with adoptive parents unknown to them, and with the recommendation that the proposed amendments be adopted as soon as possible, to be effective as soon as possible. **Section 104. Rules, Policy and Procedure of Muscogee (Creek) Nation Indian Child Welfare Program.** The Muscogee (Creek) Nation hereby adopts the following rules, policy, and procedure for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Indian Child Welfare Program.

3-M A BILL MAKING EMERGENCY FUNDS AVAILABLE TO ORGANIZED MUSCOGEE (CREEK) INDIAN COMMUNITIES FOR DISBURSEMENTS TO THEIR CREEK CITIZENS. A motion was made by Stacy and seconded by Cloud to dispense with the reading of the Bill (3-M). Upon a motion having been made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: seventeen in favor, none against, no abstentions. Wilson, Buck, Buck, Rhodes, Cleghorn and Roberts were OUT. Motion carried, the Bill was not read. A motion was made Kamp and seconded by Berryhill to approve the Bill 3-M. Discussion was entertained and held. A motion was made by Kamp and seconded by Primeaux to amend the Bill by adding a new Section 106 to read "chartered communities may receive matching funds upon approval of this Ordinance not to exceed $15,000. Upon a motion made and seconded a roll call vote was taken, results being: four in favor, thirteen agianst, no abstentions. Voting No were: Cloud, Stacy, Burden, Johnson, Dunson, Thomas, Chupco, Little, Bear, Williams, Berryhill and Almerigi. Voting yes were: Kamp, McIntosh, Primeaux and Newton. Wilson, Buck, Buck, Rhodes, Cleghorn and Roberts were OUT. Motion did not carry, the amendment was not approved. A motion was made by Frye and seconded by Kamp to amend Bill 3-m by correcting typos; changing the numbers of items accordingly; in item #10-add the phrase "and the National Council" between the words Director & on; delete Section 105 in it's entirety and insert "fund not dispersed to organized communities shall be reverted back to the tax revenue funds account. Upon a motion made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being; seventeen in favor, none against, no abstentions. Wilson, Buck, Buck, Rhodes, Cleghorn and Roberts were OUT. Motion carried, the amendments and corrections shall be reflected in the final draft of the Bill. Upon a motion being made by Kamp and seconded by Berryhill for the approval of Bill 3-M; a roll call vote was taken with the results being: seventeen in favor, none against, no abstentions. Wilson, Rhodes, Cleghorn, Roberts, Buck and Buck were OUT. Motion carried, Bill 3-M was approved as read and shall be recorded as such.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Announcements, Reports, etc. Planning Session will be held Monday, April 18, 1988 at 6:00 p.m. **Adjournment:** By unanimous vote the meeting was adjourned.

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dressed the vetos, overriding three outright with a fourth override being declared by Council Speaker Kenneth Childers.

The Council overrode the Chief's veto of NCA 88-14 and NCA 88-17 by votes of 18-4 and 20-2, respectively. NCA 88-15 was also overriden. The Chief had vetoed the measures questioning the Constitutionality of the bills.

The fourth veto was declared by Childers to be overridden with only 17 votes. The Constitution requires a two-thirds majority vote of the Council to override a veto.

The Chief's vetos of NCA 88-16 and NCA 88-18 that would have required Council confirmation of Task Force and Festival committee members will stand. An amendment to establish guidelines for the Festival committee was submitted and defeated with nine votes for and 12 opposed. The result of this action has denied funding for the upcoming Creek Nation Festival.

In other matters, the Council presented certificates recognizing Creek students for their scholarship and athletic endeavors.

The Council will have its Planning session May 12 with the regular session scheduled May 21 at the Old Creek Council House in downtown Okmulgee.

Bacone Receives Campaign Grants-

Bacone College announces two awards to the Bacone "Heritage for the Future" capital campaign fund.

The John Steel Zink Foundation of Tulsa awarded $150,000 to establish the Swannie Zink Scholarship Endowment. The Zink Foundation commitment is the largest gift received in the campaign for the expressed purpose of scholarship support. Requirements for the awarding of funds include preference being given to those students with a disability who demonstrate financial need.

Throughout her life, Swannie Zink had a special concern and involvement with preserving the culture and heritage of the American Indian. As a former director of the Philbrook Museum, she instigated the first annual Indian Art showing and continued to be a major contributor to that event.

The Southwestern Bell Telephone Foundation awarded a $25,000 grant to renovate and restore campus facilities.

"The foundation is pleased to be a part of this major campaign because of the important contribution to private higher education that Bacone offers to students from greater Muskogee and northeastern Oklahoma," said Bob Matthews, Southwestern Bell's Muskogee regional manager.

The Heritage for the Future national capital gifts campaign is the first such undertaking in Bacone's 108-year history. The goal of the three-year campaign is to raise $2.5 million. Within this total, a $600,000 allocation has been designated for restoration and renovation of present campus buildings. The Southwestern Bell Foundation grant pushed the heritage campaign over the 2,000,000 level in gifts and pledges.

OIO Forms Indian Tourism Committee

In 1987, the state of Oklahoma commissioned the Price Waterhouse Company to do a study on the state's tourism potential with the primary recommendation being enhancing the focus on the Native American culture within the state. "Oklahoma Institute of Indian Heritage," a newly formed intertribal organization, consists of tribal government officials from 25 tribes who are taking this recommendation to heart and are promoting Indian-owned and operated tourist/cultural activities in the state of Oklahoma.

The Oklahoma Institute of Indian Heritage being formed by the tribes with the assistance of Oklahomans for Indian Opportunity felt that tourism must have the involvement of the tribes of Oklahoma. Consequently, through this support and resolutions naming official delegates, a board of directors for this project was established. From this board of directors an executive committee was elected to serve as officers, these include as Chairman: Mr. Don Patterson, who is the Vice-Chairman of the Tonkawa Tribe; Vice-Chairman: Ms. Linda Poolaw, who is the Vice-President of the Delaware Tribe of Western Oklahoma and President of the American Indian Exposition; Treasurer: Ms Juanita Learned, who is the Chairman of the Cheyenne/Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma; Secretary: Ms. Carol Nuttle, who is a Committee Member of the Pawnee Tribe of Oklahoma; and members at large (3), Mr. Vernon Haddon, President of the Wichita Tribe of Oklahoma, Ms. Cynthia Stoner, Chairperson of the Ponca Tribe, and Mr. Jeff Muskrat, Councilperson, Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma.

Chairperson Patterson said, "Our involvement in this timely effort will assist us in educating our people as well as the general public and to develop tourism efforts with dignity."

Anyone wanting information about the Oklahoma Institute of Indian Heritage organization call 405-329-3737. For more information or interviews, contact: Oklahomans for Indian Opportunity, 555 Constitution, Norman, OK 73069, 405-329-3737.

SMITH FAMILY REUNION
May 28, 1988
9:30 a.m. til ?

Jones Academy Reunion
May 28 & 29, 1988

One whole week-end of fun and reminiscing in our air-conditioned dormitory. . .just like old times. . .or bring your tent, camper, blanket, etc., and camp out at Third Pond. Free lodging!!! Activities: Fast Pitch Softball Tournament, Horseshoes, Checkers, Dominoes, Pool. Arts and crafts/concession booths.Trophies to be awarded to each winner in tournaments. Banquet, Saturday evening at 6:00 p.m. Guest speakers: Harley Little and Betty War. Dance in gym: Saturday evening 8 p.m.- midnight. D.J.: Barney "The Judge" Ingram. Sunday activities: Worship service: J.B. Wildcat, Gospel Singing: William Powell, Jr., Awards/Elections of new officers. Make plans now to attend!

Creek CHR Program one of tribe's longest running services-

By Jim Wolfe

The Community Health Representatives (CHR) program is one of the Muscogee Nation's oldest and most active services, reaching thousands of Creek citizens to assess their health care needs.

The CHR program offers services for child car seats, transportation, health education, hearing screening, home repair and outreach.

CHR manager Steve Landsberry says, "The program is aimed at improving our image with service. We are promoting the programs that we do have to get people to understand what services we can provide."

The child car seat program began in 1983 with a funding grant from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to provide car seats to families that can demonstrate need.

Transportation to clinics and hospitals is provided for those citizens that cannot or do not drive. The service priority is for the elderly. Landsberry says that a two-week advance request for transportation will insure a person does have a ride on the clinic or hospital appointment date.

Creating awareness and stressing good health habits is the purpose of the health education service. After a community's health service needs are assessed, teaching health education focuses on the care and prevention of that need. Jim Hill is the department's health education specialist.

Hearing tests and screenings is another service provided through the CHR program. Landsberry noted that otitis media (inflammation of the middle ear) is prevalent among Indian children. Joanna Thomas is the audiometric technician travelling to health care centers to conduct hearing screens for anyone needing or desiring a screening.

Though not entirely under the auspices of the CHR program, some home repairs are provided. The Environmental Services Agency makes the necessary improvements significantly reducing health risks.

The most versatile and active of all CHR programs is the outreach service conducted by health field generalists and caseworkers. These people are commonly known as CHR's.

"Many people don't understand how to access the health care system", says Landsberry. "The representatives advise and inform citizens about health care services. We are the first resource to the entire Indian Health Care sytems."

The field generalists and caseworkers make many home visits with a primary purpose to make assessments about health care needs at the community level. The assessment determines where the person should receive care whether it is in the Indian Health Care system or through the county health department.

The representatives spend a great deal of time on the road--averaging about 2,000 miles per worker each month. Visits are made to clinics, schools, community centers and homes.

According to Landsberry, the CHR's service program is diverse and "can do a lot of things".

"Sometimes the CHR gets work that a lot of programs can't or won't do. Our service program can do anything that ties back to health. It is a genuine program that can meet the needs of the people," said Landsberry.

Despite its apparent worth, each year attempts are made to reduce the funding of Public Law 93-638. The CHR program had to request supplemental funding for the remainder of fiscal year 1988. Many tribes are lobbying the U.S. Congress to increase funding for PL 93-638.

"I heard that the CHR program funding for this year was left intact by Congress for the first time in years," said Landsberry.

The health field generalists and caseworkers attend classes and seminars to keep abreast of new developments in the health care field and to stay informed.

Though the work is demanding these people say their experiences are rewarding. They are aware that their efforts make a difference in the overall welfare of the people.

Recently, several of the health field generalists and caseworkers attended a conference in Las Vegas, Nevada. At Las Vegas, they were recognized for years of service.

Evelyn Parker, supervisor from Beggs, Ethel White, Henryetta and Joanna Thomas, Nuyaka, were presented 15 year service pins.

Receiving 10 year service pins were: Mary Hobia, Weleetka; Katherine Fish, Wetumka; Lona Scott, Holdenville; and Janie Canterro.

Augusta Anderson was presented a five year service pin. She is from Holdenville.

That so many received length of service awards is testimony to the dedication of these representatives.

"I feel like these people are one of the most important aspects of the CHR program concept," says Landsberry. "The tribe has utilized the people in this program to branch out and develop other areas. We reach the people at a grass roots level.

"Its taken a lot of hard work from a lot of people to make this a successful program."

***MARY GOODEN** finds Prize Egg at the Elderly Nutrition Easter Egg Hunt held at the Complex.*

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Creek lawsuit heard recently before Circuit Court of Appeals

By Helen Chalakee

A Creek Nation lawsuit against the Secretary of the Interior, Donald Hodel, that has a five year history of unfavorable opinions all the way from the Bureau of Indian Affairs agency appeal process to the District Court of Washington, D.C. was heard June 1 in the U.S. Cirucit Court of Appeals for Washington, D.C.

The suit was initiated in 1983 by Geoffrey Standingbear who was the Creek Nation attorney at that time because the Interior had denied funding for Creek Nation law enforcement and the Creek tribal court system.

Throughout the case, the Interior has claimed Creek Nation does not have jurisdiction for either law enforcement or tribal courts- that this power was abolished by the 1897 Indian Appropriation Act and the 1898 Curtis Act.

When the Five Civilized Tribes were refusing to apportion their lands to individual tribal citizens at the turn of the century, these Acts were passed telling the Five Tribes to allot and to comply within a designated time in order to preserve their national councils and tribal courts.

The Chickasaws, Choctaws and Seminoles did comply; but, the Creeks who had suffered from allotment in Alabama, prior to removal, instead elected to challenge the constitutionality of the Acts and appropriated tribal funds to sue the federal government.

At that time, all Creek legislation had to be approved by the President of the United States. President McKinley vetoed the Creek appropriation leaving the tribe without recourse to the allotment legislation and the contrived abolishment scheme.

Present day District Court has held the 1898 Curtis Act did abolish judicial power and that subsequent legislation, including the 1936 OIWA did not reestablish tribal jurisdiction. The court further held that the Creek's attempt for constiutional challenge was not in a timely manner.

Susan Work Haney, Oklahoma Indian Legal Service's executive director and lead attorney for the recent Creek appeal has worked on the case, along with Standingbear since the beginning. She filed a "Friend of the Court" brief when the case was heard before the Board of Interior Appeals and also assisted in writing the brief that was presented before District Court.

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President Reagan told USSR U.S. has "humored" Indians

By Helen Chalakee

The following comments are verbatim from an official transcript from the Office of the Press Secretary USSR, regarding President Reagan's remarks concerning American Indians while addressing students at Moscow State University on May 31 during his trip to the Soviet. An unconfirmed account related three members of the American Indian Movement had traveled to Moscow in an attempt to talk with the President.

QUESTION: Mr. President, I've heard that a group of American Indians have come here because they couldn't meet you in the United States of America. If you fail to meet them here, will you be able to improve--to correct it and to meet them back in the United States?

THE PRESIDENT: I didn't know that they had asked to see me. If they've come here or whether to see them there--(laughter)--I'd be happy to see them.

Let me tell you just a little something about the American Indian in our land. We have provided millions of acres of land for what are called preservations--or reservations, I should say. They, from the beginning, announced that they wanted to maintain their way of life, as they had always lived there in the desert and the plains and so forth. And we set up these reservations so they could, and have a Bureau of Indian Affairs to help take care of them. At the same time, we provide education for them--schools on the reservations. And they're free also to leave the reservations and be American citizens among the rest of us--and many do. Some still prefer, however, that way--that early way of life.

And we've done everything we can to meet their demands as to what they--how they want to live. Maybe we made a mistake. Maybe we should not have humored them in that wanting to stay in that kind of primitive lifestyle. Maybe we should have said, no, come join us; be citizens along with the rest of us. As I say, many have; many have been very successful.

And I'm very pleased to meet with them, talk with them at any time and see what their grievances are or what they feel they might be. And you'd be surprised--some of them became very wealthy because some of those reservations were overlaying great pools of oil, and you can get very rich pumping oil. And--so I don't know what their complaint might be.

United Indian Nations in Oklahoma chairman Chickasaw Governor Bill Anaotubby responded to Reagan's remarks with a telegram to the President after an emergency

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***MUSCOGEE NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS ATTEND BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL RECEPTION**—National Council members attending the fundraiser reception for U.S. Congressman Campbell (D—Colo) in Oklahoma City recently were: (l-r) Helen Chupco, Congressman Campbell, Donna Rhodes, Kenneth Childers, Oklahoma State Senator Kelly Haney and Jerry Wilson. (Not shown: Ed Frye) The fundraiser, organized by "Oklahomans for Ben Nighthorse Campbell for Congress", was part of a national Indian effort to re-elect Campbell to the U.S. house of Representatives. Campbell is currently the "only Indian" serving in the House and sits on the Interior Committee on Indian Affairs. Both, he and Senator Haney, encouraged Indians to run for political offices, stating Indian people are desperately needed in these positions. Approximately 100 people attended the event which netted over $3,000 for Campbell's campaign. Campbell was in OKC to judge the Red Earth Art Show.*

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U.S. District Judge declares mistrial Creek murder case-

by Jim Wolfe

A mistrial has been declared by U.S. District Judge Frank Seay after jurors failed to reach a verdict in the murder trial of Ricky Wayne Sands, 27, of Okemah.

Sands was on trial in federal court in Muskogee for the shooting death of 18 year old John Mauldin of Okemah. The trial began Monday, June 6 and the jury was given instructions by U.S. District Judge Dale Cook after both sides concluded arguments Wednesday morning.

Cook had instructed the jury to first consider first degree murder charges and if unable to reach a verdict, consider second degree murder etc. The jury never got past the first consideration and after deliberating for seven and a half hours over the course of two days they declared themselves deadlocked.

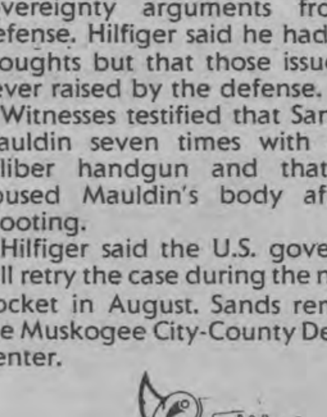
According to U.S. Attorney Roger Hilfiger, the jurors could not reach a collective verdict on the first degree murder charge because some jurors had doubts about whether Sands had premeditated his actions. Hilfiger said that some members of the jury refused to consider anything less than first degree murder and that deadlocked the jury.

"The jury had no doubt that a crime had been committed," said Hilfiger. "Some of them just had doubts about the premeditation."

In the May, 1988 issue of the Muscogee Nation News, Assistant U.S. District Attorney Sheldon Sperling had anticipated jurisdiction and sovereignty arguments from the defense. Hilfiger said he had similiar thoughts but that those issues were never raised by the defense.

Witnesses testified that Sands shot Mauldin seven times with a small caliber handgun and that Sands abused Mauldin's body after the shooting.

Hilfiger said the U.S. government will retry the case during the next jury docket in August. Sands remains in the Muskogee City-County Detention Center.



CN Dental clinics thank raffle tickets buyers. . .

The Creek Nation Dental Assistants wish to thank all the nice people who bought raffle tickets from them. The drawing was held on Friday, May 20 at the Sapulpa Clinic. Their winners are: Alice Bias and Mary Murray.

Okmulgee Clinic; Rose Kelly and William Kinsel. The raffle was held to help raise money for the upcoming I.H.S. Dental Meeting which is being hosted by the Creek Nation Dental Assistants from the Sapulpa and Eufaulal Clinics. This is the first year ever for our assistants to be able to host this meeting and hope this to be very rewarding experience for the assistants and Creek Nation. Again thanks for your support.

Thank you, Joyce Edwards, D.A.,
CN Sapulpa Dental Clinic

Oklahoma Indian Legal Service Circuit Rider Schedules CN 2nd Thursday of Each Month-

Oklahoma Indian Legal Services support attorney Greg Bigler who is currently circuit rider for Creek Nation and Cherokee Nation will see clients at Creek Nation the second Thursday afternoon of each month in the Office of Justice at the Creek Tribal Complex in Okmulgee.

Bigler will be in Tulsa at the Indian Health Care Resource Center on the same dates in the morning. He will be at Cherokee Nation in Tahlequah on the first Friday of each month.

Potential clients should call OILS at 405/528-5500 to set up an interview and provide intake information.

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Lost Address. . .

I, George Bunny, had a request for a Creek language training tape from a lady in Texas. I answered the letter informing her I would send her what she wanted, but I lost her address. So,if the lady reads this letter, please send me the address so I can get the tape sent to her. I believe her last name was Harjo.

Thank you, George Bunny,
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For more information see page 15.

-NOTICE-
Creek Nation Task Force
On The Management
Of Tribal Resources
PUBLIC HEARING
July 16, 1988
10:00 a.m.
Mound Auditorium
Creek Tribal Complex
Okmulgee, Oklahoma

A Public Hearing will be conducted by the Creek Nation Task Force on the Management of Tribal Resources July 16, 1988, at 10:00 a.m., in the Mound Auditorium at the Creek Tribal Complex, Okmulgee, to hear testimony concerning problems tribal citizens have had or are currently experiencing in areas of mineral leasing, royalty payments, IIM Accounts, etc. Preliminary field hearings have been held over the past month in Bristow, Okemah, Wetumka, Eufaula and Okmulgee to gather information for the July Hearing. Some of those who submitted information at the field hearing and to the CN Realty Office will be asked to appear at the July Hearing. The CN Task Force is in the process of categorizing the submitted information. A report will be compiled by the Task Force committee after the completion of the July hearring.

Senate probe of Indian programs at full speed-

The Senate Committee on Investigations is now fully funded and fully staffed to probe allegations of waste, fraud and mismanagement in Indian programs and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Included on staff are three full time accountants now pouring over records of natural resource dealings, especially oil and natural gas. The investigations staff is proceeding on schedule and in secrecy, funded to the tune of about $850,000. The investigation is being conducted through committee offices at: 901 Hart Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510.

Indian World Bank Plan under Senate review-

A plan to create an Indian Finance Development Corporation is being reviewed following administration objections.

The corporation has been modeled in many respects, after the world bank. The plan is to empower the corporation to provide project development assistance to tribes for purposes of establishing business ventures and to assist in financing projects through a combination of equity investments, direct loans and loan guarantees. The legislation is the culmination of over ten years of effort that began with the report of the 1977 American Indian Policy Review Commission.

The Department of Interior, on behalf of the Reagan administration, objects to the legislation charging the corporation would "create another bureaucracy" and would duplicate the loan, loan guarantee and grant programs already available.

The administration has expressed a willingness to support the Indian Finance Development Corporation Act if several proposals are adopted as amendments. Work on the bill is continuing.

photo by Jim Wolfe

Beverly-Rae Pigeon
1988 Creek Rodeo Club Queen

Beverly-Rae Pigeon, 18 year-old graduating senior from Weleetka High School is the 1988 Creek Rodeo Club Queen. During Beverly's high school years, she participated in FFA, FHA and dramatics. She held the honor of 1986-87 Creek Nation Riding Club Queen and was a member of Green Country Rodeo Association. Her hobbies include: swimming, barrel racing and shopping. She plans to enter Connors Jr. College this fall majoring in sociology. Beverly's parents are Willie and Patsy Pigeon of Okemah. Her grandparents are Stella and Cainey Roberts of Okemah and the late Sam and Easter Pigeon of Tahlequah. Beverly is 31/32 Creek/Cherokee. (1/2 Creek).

Census Bureau Finalizes Race Question

The Census Bureau has made its final proposal for the 1990 census race question that will be submitted for Office of Management and Budget approval in July.

The proposed question includes seven categories: white; black or Negro; Asian or Pacific Islander; American Indian; Eskimo; Aleut; and other. The question is to have write-in spaces for entering a specific racial group in the Asian or Pacific Islander and other race categories, as well as tribe for those identifying themselves as American Indian.

The Census Bureau's major objectives for the 1990 census race question are to meet increased needs for data, and to improve data quality for all groups. For example, one of the major requirements for the 1990 census race question is for data on the total Asian and Pacific Islander population and its detailed groups as well as American Indian tribes. The means of achieving the objectives were developed over a seven year period involving meetings with individuals, organizations and governmental agencies having a stake in the census results, in addition to a research and testing program.

The bureau will publish data on white, black, total American Indian, Eskimo, Aleut, and total Asian and Pacific Islander population groups beginning in early 1991. Advances in technology will permit the release of total population counts on at least 26 Asian and Pacific Islander groups and on all American Indian tribes based on write in entries beginning in mid 1991. The timetable is considerably earlier than after the 1980 census, which produced complete count data for only nine Asian and Pacific Islander groups and only sample data for American Indian tribes.

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meeting with approximately 30 tribal leaders who were meeting in Oklahoma City for the State Supreme Court Symposium on Sovereignty.

It was the consensus of the group that was well phrased by Cheyenne-Arapho Chairwoman Juanita Learned, "Reagan needs to be educated."

Anaotubby said he felt there had been "a great failing with the staff who's been advising him on (Indian) issues. . ."

Sac & Fox Second Chief Gaylon Franklin said he was "disappointed, but not surprised by the President's remarks. . .we predicted this was the prevailing attitude of Reagan's administration- they want Indian jurisdiction under state control."

A resolution was signed by the symposium attendants to endorse the UINO telegram.

Realizing the improbability of the telegram ever being placed in the hands of the President, Anaotubby chose to send it to the White House Public Opinion teletype which would undoubtably be brought to the President's attention, plus be seen by a greater number of people.

Governor Anaotubby and Helen Chalakee, chairman of UINO Political Education Committee, telephoned the telegram from the Skirvin Plaza, Oklahoma City at 4:30 p.m., June 2. The message read:

President Ronald Reagan: We, the United Indian Nations in Oklahoma, representing over 100,000 American Indians in this state wish to express great disappointment concerning your remarks delivered at Moscow State Univeristy on May 31, concerning American Indians. We do not consider ourselves to have been "humored" by the United States' recognition of our right to maintain our cultures. As our ancestors have resided here for thousands of years preceding the formation of the United States. Our right to preserve our cultures, and to not be subjected to cultural genocide, is a matter of right, not a federal gratuity.

Your January 24, 1983, Indian Policy Statement recognized the "right of each tribe to set its own priorities and goals," and pursue the policy of self-government and self-determination. As you yourself recognized in 1983, "the Constitution, treaties, laws, and court decisions have recognized a unique political realtionship between Indian tribes and the United States" which you at that time pledged to uphold.

Despite these promises, Indian people continue to live in poverty at a rate double that of other Americans, and have unemployment rates among the highest in the country.

We call upon you to publicly recommit yourself to the policies of self-determination and economic development as reflected in your 1983 policy statement.

Furthermore, we strenuously urge that you publicly commit yourself to recognition of the federal trust responsibility, which includes the protection of Indian trust property, the right to self-government, and provision of those social, medical and educational services necessary for the advancement of Indian tribes.

In light of the cloud on federal Indian policy which has been created by your recent Moscow statements, we urge not only your rededication to these principles, but also a policy of frequent and earnest consultation with the elected officials of tribal governments in order to aggressively work toward these ends. BILL ANAOTUBBY, PRESIDENT UNITED INDIAN NATIONS IN OKLAHOMA, GOVERNOR CHICKASAW NATION.

The telegram was drafted by Dennis Arrow, OCU School of Law with input from UINO members. Will Rogers, who was in Oklahoma City at the time stated, "I don't know any kid in America who knows less about the American Indian than our poor President."

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She argued the June 1 hearing before a three-member panel of judges in Washington, D.C., pointing out that the Chickasaw, Choctaw and Seminole courts were not abolished by the 1898 Act as has been implied throughout the course of a century of redress and litigation.

The Creek's contention is that even if their courts were abolished, tribal sovereignty was left intact and the ability to reconstitute was, and still is evident; especially after the 1936 Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act and more importantly the ratification of the 1979 Creek Constitution. The Creeks also believe the 1936 OIWA contains implied revocation of the turn of the century Acts.

Both, Haney and Watkins feel the Court of Appeals hearing was favorable, but neither will commit to predicting an uncontestable opinion might be ruled. Since there is no time limit for the judges to issue an opinion, Watkins said it might be months or a year before one is issued. She said, in the event the case is again decided unfavorably, the next step would be to request a review by the U.S. Supreme Court.

***"Indian Woman of the Year"**, Bennie Beaver Gossman (Creek) was named at the recent Miss Indian Oklahoma Pageant. Bennie was selected by the Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women*

Legislative Overview of the May 12, May 21 Muscogee National Council Meetings

By Jim Wolfe

The Muscogee (Creek) National Council had a brief agenda for May that included a special session at the Council's planning session and a return to the historic Creek Council House in downtown Okmulgee.

A special session was called at the planning session by Council Speaker Ken Childers to consider a bill that recognized the executive committee that is to coordinate this year's Creek Nation Festival and to amend the Council's Rules of Procedures.

The Council approved NCA 88-27, a bill that recognized members of the Creek Nation Festival and Rodeo Executive Committee. Committee members are Harvey Gilroy, Creek Nation Rodeo Association, Carney Roberts, Creek Nation Riding Club, Bob Arrington, Tribal Affairs and Creek Nation Rodeo Association and Bob Davis, controller and Creek Nation Rodeo Association.

The Executive Committee will select a sub-committee that will serve at its discretion.

The Council also appropriated $46,000 to implement the Festival.

At the special session May 12, the Council amended its Rules of Procedure to create an Investigative and Fact Finding Committee. The Amendment was approved and the committee will be chaired by Frank Kamp, Second Speaker of the Council and representative from McIntosh District. Okmulgee District representative Barton Williams will act as the committee's vice chairman.

Others named to the committee include Larry Bible, Tulsa district representative and chairman of the Human Development Committee, Helen Chupco, Muskogee District Representative and chairperson of the Community Services Committee, Sandy McIntosh, Mcintosh District Representative and Tribal Affairs Committee chairman. Leah Stacy, Okmulgee District representative and chairperson of the Business and Governmental committee, Mickey Primeaux, Wagoner District representative and Clarence Cloud, Creek District representative.

According to Kamp, the purpose of the committee is to investigate any "irregularities in any branch of the Muscogee (Creek) government".

With approval of the National Council Speaker, the committee will have subpoena power over all citizens and employees of the tribe. This power will also apply to tribal records and documents.

The committee will function according to section seven under its rules and procedures (planning sessions).

Planning sessions are held once monthly usually within ten days of the Council's regularly scheduled session.

Items that come from committee are placed on the Council's agenda at the request of the committee chairperson. Items not placed on the agenda will be placed under "Items for Consideration".

Any tribal citizens or visitors that wish to address the National Council can do so only through their district representative. The same procedure applies to anyone that introduces an item that requires legislative action with two exceptions.

One, the request may be made verbally to a representative but a written letter of request for actin must follow the verbal request.

Two, upon receipt of the letter the Speaker will assign the matter to the appropriate committee.

At the May 21 regular session of the Council approved bills that will provide the Council with legal services and appropriations for the tribal judicial system.

The Council appropriated $10,000 for the retention of an attorney who will serve at the discretion of the five committees of the Council.

A bill amending NCA 87-49 that provides supplemental funding for the judicial system was approved. $25,551 will be applied to equipment court room seating, attorney stipends and other operational costs.

Donna Rhodes (Tulsa District) amended section 103 of the bill that will have all monies not spent by September 30, 1988 returned to the tax revenues account. The bill as amended was approved.

In other Council matters, Claude Cox, Principal Chief of the Muscogee Nation delivered the opening remarks to the Council and noted the historical significance of the meeting held at the old Council House in downtown Okmulgee.

Representative Harley Little (Muskogee District) sought information regarding the qualifications of eligibility for transportation from the tribe's health services program.

Thomas Berryhill (Okmulgee District) informed the Council that he had been contacted by members of the Poarch band Creeks in Atmore, Alabama. The Poarch band members were circulating a petition that would halt production of a bingo hall and museum complex on the Old Hickory grounds near Wetumka, Alabama. Berryhill asked the Council to sign the petition because of a spiritual bond between the Creeks. "Metaphysically (the Muscogee) fire is there," said Berryhill.

At the conclusion of the session, the Council went into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

Nutrition monitoring system benefits Indians

Senator Jeff Bingamon D-NM has introduced legislation meant to help improve the nutrition of people all over the country especially among such high risk groups as Hispanics and Indians.

The bill would create a comprehensive and coordinated national nutrition monitoring system and would assure the publication of dietary guidelines. The senator's bill is aimed at solving poor diets believed to cause a high frequency of diabetes and other problems among Native Americans.

Help improve the world--improve yourself.

Congratulations, Rhonda!

Creek Nation Princess Rhonda Harjo took 1st Runner-up in the recent Miss Indian Oklahoma Pageant sponsored by the Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women and held at the Skirvin Plaza in Oklahoma City. Rhonda (center) sang hymns in the Creek language for her traditional talent. Shown with her are two former Creek Princess who were both Miss Indian Oklahoma. (left) Audrey Barnett and (right) Leslie Baricello, who were on hand lending support to Rhonda.

Creek Princess, Rhonda Harjo takes Miss Indian Oklahoma 1st runner-up

Dear Friends:

As I reflect upon the past year of my reign as the Creek Nation Princess, many wonderfull memories flood my mind. To serve as the representative for the Creek Nation has truly been an honor and a rewarding experience. I have gained more insight and knowledge of the tribe, pertinent issues affecting our tribe as well as other tribes and have made many friends whose friendship I will cherish forever.

Throughout my reign I have had the opportunity to make many appearances on behalf of the Creek Nation. Some of those appearances included pageants, banquets, conferences, luncheons, homecomings, rodeos, churches, various school activities, fashion shows, art festivals, Red Earth (assisted and judged for the Talent Showcase Committee and other traditional activities and parades.

The highlights of my year occurred at Governor James' (Chicksaw Nation) Banquet when I presented him with a peace pipe and speech on behalf of Chief Cox and the Creek Nation. The American Indian Exposition at Anadarko, Ok, when I was introduced and included in the Exposition Princesses parade (no outside tribe has ever been included before) and attending the Miss Indian USA pageant in Washington, D.C.

I have many memorable experiences from the past year and look forward to many more throughout the remainder of my reign. I am truly indebted and grateful to many people for their unending support and prayers. I frist of all, must thank my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ from whom all blessings flow, my parents (Amon and Sylvia) Harjo), my grandparents (Dave and the late Hinney Harjo), the late Willie and Eunice Isom) and family (Rheta, Nate, Jeremiah H., Charlie and Alan) for always being behind me in everything and to all my friends for their smiles and words of encouragement.

A very very Thank-you belongs to Chief and Mrs. Lilly Cox for their constant support and friendship and to members of Chief's administration: Perry Beaver, Gary Breshears, Bernice and Phyllis, Helen Chalakee, Rita Williams and especially Steve and Pat Wilson, and to you members of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Oklahoma, I say MVTO! for allowing me to be your ambassador.

MVTO- God's blessing to you all,
Rhonda Harjo, Creek Nation Princess

Muscogee VEV Chapter holds Memorial Day Service

. . .honors the late Reverend Austin Barnett

By Kathryn Bell

NATHANIEL BARNETT, ONE OF EIGHT SONS OF THE LATE REVEREND AUSTIN BARNETT, *accepts the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star on behalf of his father, who passed away last year. Jerry Haney, Seminole Chapter VEV Commander, assisted by Jerry Riley, Service Officer, presented the awards as a replacement to the original ones that were lost in a fire that destroyed the Barnett homeplace in Hanna. The medals were received by Barnett for his valor and wounds received as a Army Private First Class during World War II.*

SHOWN DISPLAYING THEIR FATHER'S MEDALS, ARE FIVE OF THE EIGHT SONS OF THE LATE REVEREND BARNETT, *left to right; Benjamin, Nathaniel, Paul, Elliot (who works with the CN Communications Dept.) and Franklin. Not shown are Anthony Barnett, who resides in Denver, Austin, Jr., who lives in Tulsa, and Charles Barnett, of Coweta.*

The late Reverend Austin Barnett, Eufaula, was honored during the Memorial Day ceremonies of the Muscogee Chapter of the VEV Intertribal Association held at their newly-refurbished Vet Center. The Center is located at the old Oakdale School site owned by the Creek tribe, off Highway 75, south of Okmulgee.

The Reverend Barnett, who passed away last year, was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star for his valor, bravery and for wounds received in action, as a young Army private infantryman in World War II in the Middle East and European conflicts.

The medals, presented during the ceremony by Jerry Haney, Seminole Chapter Commander, assisted by Jerry Riley, service officer, were given to one of eight sons of Reverend Barnett, Nathaniel Barnett. The medals were actually replacements for the original medals which were lost in a fire in 1979 that destroyed the Barnett homeplace in Hanna.

Later in the ceremony, the son placed a wreath at the base of the flag pole in honor of the war dead.

The Memorial Day service was held outside on the grounds of the Vet Center at 2:00 p.m. with the Presentation of Colors by the VEV Color Guard. The Color Guard has been much in demand at parades, pow-wows, funerals and other tribal ceremonies throughout the state.

Woodrow Haney performed a traditional Creek song with his handmade flute, honoring the veterans. The names of forty Indian servicemen who lost their lives in Vietnam was read.

Addressing a crowd of approximately 60 people, Muscogee Chapter VEV Commander John T. McIntosh said: "We are gathered here to pay our respects to veterans and their families and to remember those who have paid the supreme sacrifice so that we may enjoy the freedom we share here today," he said, continuing- "The cost of freedom is high and we want to make sure our sons and daughters are not called upon to pay that price." Commander McIntosh asserted, "The Native American answered our country's call to defend the very earth you stand upon today--we are a nation of people who act as one when it comes to the defense of freedom."

McIntosh eloquently spoke of the emotional scars that many who responded to the call to defend their country, still bear--"the Vietnam vets who stand before you today know the pain and sorrow that comes from a war--fighting in a land of people who for the most part, didn't want him there either. . ."

Sharing his feelings about the role of the Native American soldier, Willie Haney, Creek, a member of the Muscogee Chapter VEV Board of Directors, reflected--" In the movies of Vietnam, Indians are never mentioned - blacks, hispanics and whites are, but not Indians--and yet the reality is, that everytime you, as an Indian went out in the field in 'Nam--it was 'Chief, take the point...' Indians in 'Nam were always quiet and reserved and yet he was always called upon to be first in battle." Haney feels that to come to the aid of this country is natural for the American Indian, "after all - this is our homeland--our birthplace - we have no other country as others whose ancestors came from other countries." Haney reflected the pride of all Indians who have ever fought in defense of America, in his words--" All Indian people are basically warriors-we have been and will always be - that's the way we were brought up..."

After the ceremonies, guests were invited to tour the Vet Center facilities--an accomplishment the Muscogee Chapter and their ladies auxiliary were duly proud of--"This center is the result of a lot of hard work. The Creek Nation donated the building which was the old tribally-owned Oakdale school and through fundraising efforts and hard work, we have accomplished what you see here today," said the Commander.

The attractive brick building, complete with a new sidewalk and flagpole, and a Smoke Shop, is now the state headquarters for intertribal chapters. Plans are underway to make the Center the national headquarters due to the state's having the largest Indian population in the country. The Commander explained- "In a recent meeting, our Vet Center was voted upon to become not only the state headquarters for other VEV intertribal chapters, but will be regional in concept- representing this state, Texas, and Kansas." McIntosh also sees the Vet Center Gift Shop as being a point of interest for tourists and the local community.

"Our vision for the future is one that through our services - particularly in helping our vets find jobs - we will be able to bring them back into society," said McIntosh.

Reflectively, McIntosh added, "The wounds from the war run deep but, over the past 20 years there has been a healing going on for all vets. But, I would like to emphasize that the Native American community has always supported and honored its warriors."

At the conclusion of the ceremonies, the Commander encouraged those present to remember and pray for all POW's and MIA's still remaining in southeast Asia.

Currently, a Vietnam Museum is being planned as part of the facilities, which will include many items representative of the Native American soldiers participation in the war. A Memorial with the names of all Oklahoma Indian servicemen who died, is also being discussed for placement in front of the Center.

EDUCATION: THE KEY TO THE FUTURE

"Teach them with love," CN Headstart's Mattie Long's creed and advice to parents

CHECKING YEAR END FOLDERS OF THEIR STUDENTS PROGRESS, *Mattie Long, right, teacher at the Sapulpa Headstart Center and Aide Adeline West, prepare to close out another Headstart school session and get ready for fall enrollment at the center, which is one of four Headstart Centers that Creek Nation operates.*

By Kathryn Bell

Mattie Long, a teacher at the Creek Nation Sapulpa Headstart program, loves children--particularly educating them. Her area of specialty is early childhood education with Indian children. "Our Indian children need this early education or "boost" before starting kindergarten--and programs like the Creek Nation Headstart Centers, gives them a good foundation for school," said the Creek teacher.

The Sapulpa Headstart Center is one of four Headstart centers that Creek Nation operates within it's boundaries. The other centers are located at Okmulgee, Yeager, and Eufaula. All of the centers have a curriculum that provides daily learning activities for three, four and five year olds. These activities consist of five learning centers which provide development in math and reading readiness, language development, gross and fine motor skills development and social skills.

However, due to the uniqueness of the Sapulpa Center among the others, in that the Sapulpa center is comprised of all-Indian enrollment, there are special opportunities to include a curriculum of culturally related materials for the young Indian students: "Using the Creek Indian language, we teach numbers and words and other concepts using the culture of the dominant tribe, the Creeks," Mrs. Long explained.

Field trips are taken each week that correspond to the instructional theme of that particular week.

Mrs. Long (who is also a Sunday School teacher) believes the key to effective teaching is love--an ingredient that will bring out the best potential in the student--"I believe that you have to have a lot of love to teach young children. We have a lot of them who come from broken homes and it is extremely rough for them because they aren't sure of themselves. As a teacher, you become the one that can listen to them and allow them to openly express their feelings--this helps them to cope with what's going on in their lives," she said, adding "but that caring must be sincere--because they know if you aren't. . ." Mrs. Long urged parents to show their love and affection to their children and to praise them for the efforts they make toward accomplishments.

The educational process of the young child at the CN Headstart Centers is shared with the parents as an important component of the program--Janet Lynn, CN Headstart Director explains: "We feel that parents are the prime educators of the child, and at the CN Headstart Centers, we provide parent training to help them be better role models for their children."

"Our children are shy and we try to make them feel good about themselves and learn to interact--if we don't teach them anything else--it would be our teaching goal to help them to get along with others successfully," emphasized Mrs. Long.

The Sapulpa Center, like the other centers, provides breakfast and lunch. The Sapulpa center students are taught about health and good nutrition--a process aided by the cooperation of the Creek Nation Health Clinic at Sapulpa. "The Sapulpa Indian Clinic nurse has been so helpful to come over whenever we need her, to give the children presentations on health and nutrition and to give immunizations--we really appreciate them," remarked the teacher.

Also in the spirit of cooperation, the Creek County Health Department sends out two women who help once a week at the Sapulpa Center. One works with the children on speech therapy and language skills and another, Becky Bland works with parents and acts as classroom observer to make suggestions that will better the headstart program.

Mrs. Long believes just as strongly in the teaching of the all-important social skills and self-help skills as she does in instructional goals that have to do with math and reading readiness and cognitive skills. One important concept she feels the children need to understand is structure and timeliness. "The kids, through the structuring of the program, learn about time. They learn quickly what time breakfast is, what time circle time is, when to go to the learning centers or when it's time to go outside to play." She continued, "The students start each day with an established routine, and all the children know what to expect each day, and this is good for their social development."

She explained, "A lot of children here don't have guidelines or structure within the home-- and if we can develop this sense of structure within them and instill an accepted way of behavior, then they will be happier for it."

Mrs. Long believes the quality of the instruction at each of the four centers is excellent due to the efforts of CN Headstart Director Janet Lynn, in getting CDA (Child Development Associate) certification for all the centers teachers. The CDA program is a national effort to improve the quality of child care through performance-based training, assessment and credentialing of child care staff and home visitors in their work with young children and their families. Mrs. Long received her CDA credentialing in 1982 and she has 28 hours toward an Early Childhood education degree from Conners State College in Warner.

The soft-spoken Creek woman has been a preschool teacher for fourteen years,beginning with the Okmulgee Deep Fork Community Action program and for the last four years, as one of the teachers at the Sapulpa Headstart Center.

The Sapulpa Center opened December 1984 and currently has an enrollment of 48 and has five teachers. In addition to Mattie and her aide, Adeline West, other teachers and aides are: Vicky Haig, teacher and aides Barbara O'Neil and Madja Smith. The Sapulpa staff also includes Cook - Barbara Tiger and Secretary - Anita Lowe.

Mrs. Long has lived in Sapulpa for five years and is the mother of eight children.

Indian Lawyer Leaves Washington to Direct University Law Center

Attorney Kirke Kickingbird, a Washington-based lawyer who has headed Native American Business Services and other business and legal services in Washington over the last several years is relocating to Oklahoma. He has been named Director of the Native American Law Center at Oklahoma City University. It is the first-ever Indian law center to open on the university campus.

CN Adult Ed provides educational services

By Jim Wolfe

Providing instructional services to Indian adults who did not complete or interrupted their formal secondary education is the priority of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Adult Education Program. The program provides Adult Basic Education (ABE) and General Education Development (GED) tutoring to Indian adult students in preparation for the State GED Test and the tutoring fees for those students who take the State GED Test.

The program also provides Informal Learning Program classes in Muscogee Nation Indian Communities for Indian adults that develop community activities and improves the Indian community and home life.

The program is restricted to persons at least sixteen (16) years old and past the age of compulsory school attendance under state or tribal law and not currently enrolled in a formal secondary or postsecondary education program, resides within the Muscogee Nation boundaries and is a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe. The primary goal is to elevate the educational level of Indian adults and to enhance their opportunities for self-dependence.

Several employees of the Muscogee Nation have received their GED certificates through the Adult Education Program. One GED graduate was elected to the National Council. Enrollment in the ABE/GED program is accepted at any time because the students are tutored on an individual basis so that can work at their own pace. The students are tutored in the office, classroom, community classes or in home study courses.

Muscogee Nation Indian Communities are encouraged to participate in the Informal Learning Program. Request for Service Forms are sent to each member of the National Council and chairperson of each community to generate interest in the program. The community can select an area of interest or need such as the ABE/GED program, language, arts and crafts or others can be provided for community members. Once a completed Request for Service form is received by the Adult Education department the class is organized for that community.

Currently there are two Muscogee language classes, one beadwork class and one leathercraft class offered. The communities participating in the Informal Learning Program are Bristow, Eufaula, Muskogee and Okmulgee Indian Communitites.

The Adult Education Program is located in the Education Department in the Mound Building at the Creek Nation Tribal Complex in Okmulgee. The program is coordinated with other programs like the Higher Education Program, the Jobs Training Program Assistance and Social Services. Referrals are made routinely between departments so that the needs of the people can be met fully.

The Adult Education Program is staffed by teacher/manager Joe Washington, Jr. and teacher Norman Harjo. Both are veterans of the U.S. Marine Corps and graduates of Northeastern State University in Tahlequah.

Future Promising For Young Trackster

Creek Runner Finishes Undefeated

Derik Baker in action during the Tulsa Run last summer.

By Jim Wolfe

Jim Thompson knew that Derik Baker was a special athlete the first time he saw the young Creek compete at a track meet.

"Derik is a good runner but he is one of those kids that gives something extra," said Thompson.

Thompson should be able to recognize talent. He used to run with the legendary Billy Mills while the two were attending Haskell Indian Junior College. The pair formed a lasting friendship and today, Thompson coordinates and recruits exceptional young athletes for the Billy Mills Foundation.

The Billy Mills Foundation provides sponsorships for children that will allow them to compete in track and encourages them to develop skills and refine talents.

According to Baker's eighth grade track coach Garry Robbins, Baker is an outstanding athlete in a class of several good athletes.

"This has been an enjoyable season to coach," said Robbins, who also coaches football and basketball at Okmulgee Middle School. "Kids like Dwayne Cooks, Ivan Bear, Mark Tuggle, Shondae Checotah, Waylon Jones, Nikita Johnson, Leland Alexander, Travis Shannon, and Anthony Bird only come along every once in awhile. Derik Baker is one of these outstanding athletes we have in the Okmulgee school system."

The praise for Baker's ability is justified. He ran twelve races for Robbins this year and placed first in every one. His best time in the mile is 5:09. Baker prefers to run greater distances but Robbins insists that Baker's best race is the 800 meters.

After Baker ran his impressive five minute mile, Robbins needed him to run the third leg of the mile relay. Baker rested for a few minutes and then turned in a very fast 58.34 seconds leg of the relay.

"I was very proud of him," said Robbins. "Its been six years since I had a kid that could run a good mile and the half mile."

Okmulgee High School track coach Dwight Pankey also recogized Baker's talent and potential. Pankey has seen a few talented runners in his time having been an All-American in track at perennial power Eastern Oklahoma State in Wilburton.

"The first time I saw him, he was on the football field practicing with the middle school and I was having a cross country practice," recalled Pankey. "I thought then he was going to be true runner. Baker has really stood up to that statement."

Baker had intended to play football. Pankey however, allowed him to work out with the cross country team and Baker's love for running won out. Baker even competed against high school competition though Pankey would not let him finish a race

Baker says he enjoyed competing with the older boys and is eager to run cross country for real in the fall.

Pankey has made Baker a training schedule for the summer. In addition to cross country, Baker will run the half mile, mile, two mile and mile relay in the Spring of 1989 for Okmulgee High School.

According to Pankey, Baker averages anywhere from ten to 12 miles a workout "with no sweat". The high school track mentor is predicting that Baker will eventually run a 4:15 mile in high school.

While superlative compliments like those from his coaches and observers usually cause ego problems with most athletes his age, Baker has remained a shy and unassuming young man. His quiet is not to be mistaken for diffidence. The young man knows he has few peers in track and has predicted a a first place finish for himself at the Creek Nation Olympics in June.

Baker is the youngest in a family rife with athletic achievements. His father, Jerry was an athlete at Chilocco and played football. Faye was a standout played football before entering the ministry. Derik's mother Faye, was a stellar basketball player for Altus High School. His brother's Dennis and Dean were two sport lettermen at Wetumka High School.

Baker's mother believes his success is derived from determination. As one might expect, Baker's father thinks his son's athleticism is hereditary.

Baker says when it comes to running, he "just has it". Those who have seen Baker run claim he is a natural.

Baker's racing strategy is simple but effective.

"I just stay with the leader until the last one hundred yards and then I make my move."

Baker has an active summer of competition before he begins workouts in the fall. Baker will run with the Mills Foundation at Red Earth. Mills is one Baker's personal heroes and the running brave will visit with Baker.

Baker will also compete in the Creek Nation Olympics , the Sooner State Games and any other road race he can get to this summer.

Baker believes he can be one of the best runners ever from this area. He has set his sights for a spot on the 1992 or 1996 Olympic teams.

Success at a young age does have a few drawbacks. Coach Robbins says that Derik's victories this year have caused the young ladies to take notice.

"If we can keep his head straight and he continues to work hard and he watches out for the girls," says Robbins, "he'll go a long way."

Angela Lowe

Sapulpa student wins musical competition

Angela Lowe, a Junior at Sapulpa High School, has recently competed in the District Solo and Ensemble competition. She received a Superior rating and is qualified to compete at the state level. Accompanying other fellow choir members, she traveled to the University of Oklahoma on April 21 and again received superior rating.

Angela, the daughter of Benjamin Lowe, is one-half Creek and is looking forward to entering the Miss Red Earth Pageant in her Senior year. She plans to further her career in music plans to further her career in music.

Angela has won numerous singing awards, including a Third Place at the OBU French competition in '87. She has been in choir two years and will become a member of the Sapulpa Advanced Choir, and has recently traveled to California and won the National Choir Championship.

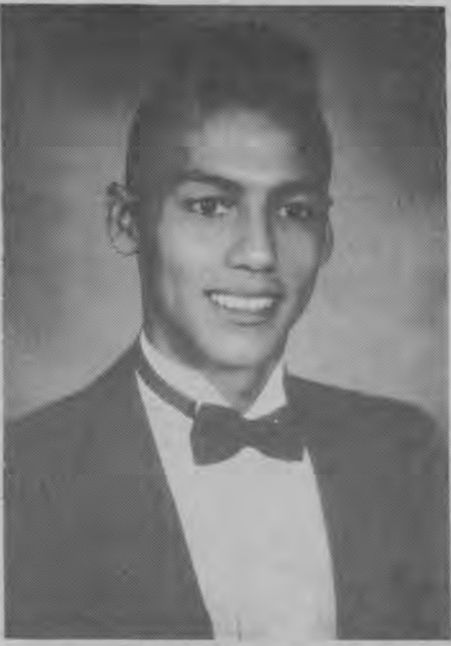
Creek art student chosen to do VCS Yearbook cover

Jason Way, student at Victory Christian School in Tulsa, Ok. was selected to airbrush the cover of the 1987-88 VCS Yearbook Cover.

Jason, a 14 year old Freshman, was the only student knowledgable in the art of airbrush.

We at VCS wish to congratulate him on a superb job of airbrushing and meeting a critical deadline with the printing company. He shows outstanding talent in airbrush and design, and maturity in meeting the deadline. He only had two weeks to draw and airbrush the cover then express mail it to the printer. Great job, Jason!

Jason is the son of Linda and J.C. Way.



Cordell A. Whitetree

Creek elected president Haskell Student Senate

Cordell A. Whitetree has been elected Student Senate President for the school year 1988-89 at Haskell Indian Junior College in Lawrence, Kansas. Cordell lettered in football and track while maintaining a 3.5 grade point average which qualified him for the Dean's Honor Roll. He plans on attending Kansas University this fall in conjunction with his coursework at Haskell where he will obtain a Liberal Arts degree in the Spring of 1989. Cordell plans on continuing his education majoring in Math with plans of being a math teacher at the secondary level.

Cordell is Creek, Seminole, Seneca and Cayuga and is the son of Jerry D. and Becky L. Whitetree. He graduated from Beggs High School in 1987. He is the grandson of the late Joseph and Evelyn Douglas Wilson and Ogal and Clara Whitetree. Jerry and Becky are alumni of Haskell Institute where they both graduated from high school and continued their education in vocational education and business education. The family moved to Lawrence from Beggs in the fall of 1987 where both Jerry and Becky are employed at Haskell Indian Jr. College.

***Connors State College**-Outstanding Student Senate Member Award was captured by former Creek Nation Princess Melinda Taryole of Henryetta. Taryole also received the McClarren Hall Girl of the Year award for contributing the most to the high morale of McClarren Hall and the American Indian Student Society Award for Outstanding Leadership as the organization's president of CSC. Pictured from left to right: Lynda Hagar, CSC dean of women and Melinda Taryole.*

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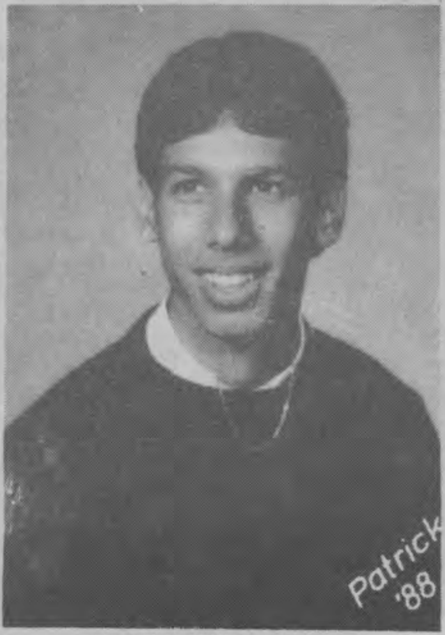

Patrick Wayne Jones

Patrick Wayne Jones is the son of Fred and Sandra Jones of Okmulgee, the grandson of Walter Jones Sr. and the late Mary Jones of Okmulgee. He is 17 and is one-half Creek. He graduated in 1988 from Okmulgee High, where he was part of the 1987 Boy's Basketball 4-A State Champion Bulldogs. He received four letters in Basketball and was student of the month, and listed on the Honor Roll. He plans to attend Oklahoma City University for two years and study Electrical Engineering and computer science. He plans to then transfer to Kansas University to finish his college degree.

Congratulations

Sonya Jean Herrod

Sonya graduated from Seminole High School and was in basketball two years, track three years, Science Club two years, Indian Club three years (where she served as Vice-President and secretary), foreign language club member for one year and was listed in "Who's Who Among American High School students. She was on the Honor Roll for two years and was Oklahoma Honor Society's "Outstanding Student of the Month" for March. She plans to attend East Central University in Ada and major in Medical Technology or Psychology.

Beverly Rae Pigeon

Beverly Rae Pigeon is a 1988 graduate of Weleetka High School. She is the daughter of Willie and Patsy Pigeon of Okemah. She has been active in FHA for three years, FFA one year and dramatics for one year. She has been a Sweetheart candidate for the FFA and has been Queen of the Creek Nation Indian Riding Club for two years.

Beverly is the 1988 Creek Nation Rodeo Queen.

She plans to continue her education at Connors State College in Warner.

Christine Lynn King

Christine King was salutatorian of her graduating class at Graham High School with a 3.7 grade point average.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson King of rural Henryetta. King was active in high school. She was a member of the Oklahoma Honor Society, listed with the Who's Who Among American High School Students, and was class officer for two years. A four year letterwinner in basketball, King was also a member of the yearbook staff and earned many academic awards.

She plans to attend Bacone College and major in counseling.

Zena Yazzie

Zena Yazzie, daughter of Margie and Daz Yazzie, is a 1988 graduate of U.S. Grant High School in Oklahoma City.

She plans to attend Bacone College and major in business management.

Christopher Jon Jackson

Chris Jackson, 17 year old son of Jackie and Dianna Jackson is a 1988 graduate of Okmulgee High School.

During his high school career, Jackson has received numerous awards including Student of the Month during his junior year. He is the Bulldogs record holder for most yards received in one game. He was voted Most Valuable Player on offense this past season. A three year letterman, Jackson was selected to the All-District team for class 4A district.

A four year starter for the Okmulgee baseball team, Jackson was chosen to the Oklahoma Coaches Association Regon II All-star team. He was voted "Most Athletic" at Okmulgee and is a co-recipient of the Andy Skupien baseball scholarship for 1988.

Jackson plans to attend Eastern Oklahoma State College where he will play baseball and pursue a degree in psychology and education.

Kristy Dawn Yahola

A 1988 graudate of Lebanon High School in Lebanon, Tennessee. Kristy is the daughter of Don "Squirt" Yahola of Wetumka, she is a Muscogee citizen active in politics. She is the granddaughter of the late Annie Yahola of Wetumka, and Mary Lucille Gouge of Holdenville.

Yahola has no immediate plans to attend college and is considering a career in nursing or as a dental laboratory technician.

Tina Louise Stensgard

Tina L. Stensgard graduated from Clallam Bay High School, Clallam Bay, Washington. She was chosen as Faculty Speaker for this year's commencement exercises, an honor bestowed by the faculty.

Tina's high school activities include the following: Drama Club; FHA serving as President in her senior year; Junior Class secretary; Knowledge Bowl Team Captain, 2 years; Math Team, 2 years; Annual Photography Editor; lettering in Track, Basketball and Volleyball. Serving as co-captain her senior year and chosen by her teammates as Most Inspirational and on the NOL (North Olympic League All Star Team); Gymnastics; Pep Club and Natural Helper.

Among the honors bestowed on Tina are "88 Who's Who Among American High School Students; '88 National Honor Society and serving as Parliamentarian of the local

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chapter; Associate Student Body secretary/treasurer; Society of Distinguished American High School Students, 2 years; Elks Award - Female Student of the Year, 2 years; and Academic Award.

Tina was the '87-88 Homecoming Queen and this spring's Prom Queen. She was the 87-88 Clallam Bay-Seiku Fun Days' Princess and attended several surrounding area parades among which was the Victoria May Days Parade which was televised on Canadian National Television.

Among her civic duties was serving as Red Cross Volunteer her freshman year and in her sophomore year was a Jefferson and Clallam County Senior Nutrition Service Volunteer.

Tina plans to attend Western Washington University, Bellingham, Washington; majoring in marine biology with a minor in nursing.

Tina is the daughter of James and Diana (Factor) Stensgard. Her maternal grandmother is Elizabeth Davis of Okmulgee, and her maternal great-grandmother is Ada Scott of Okemah. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stensgard of Nome, North Dakota are her paternal grandparents.

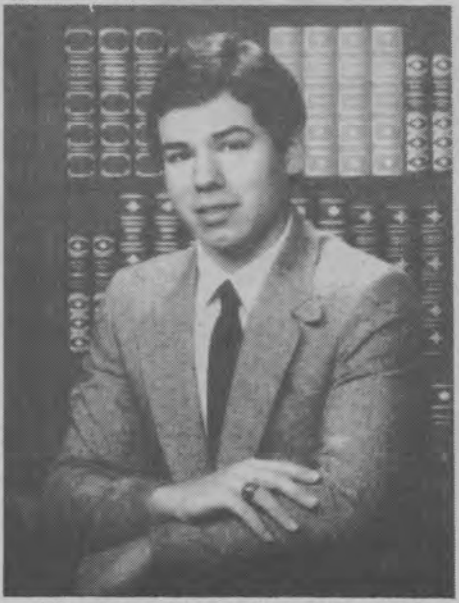
Damon L. Canard

Damon L. Canard, son of Curtis and Diane Canard of Tulsa, is a recent graduate of Jenks High School. Damon's favorite sport is soccer. He participated on Jenks Varsity-Conference and Champions, 1986; Jenks Classic League Champions, 1987-88; Jenks Varsity-Conference and District Champions 1988. His future plans are to attend Oklahoma State University with a career goal of Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice. Damon is also the grandson of the late Roly and Lucile Canard.

James Allred

James Allred is the 17 year old grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Allred of Weleetka.

A 1988 graduate of Weleetka High School, Allred was salutatorian of his class and participated in numerous activities during high school. He was captain of Weleetka's state semi-final basketball team and received honorable mention for All-State. He was vice-president of the Weleetka Future Farmers of America Chapter. He won several awards for speaking and livestock shows. Allred received the State Farmer Degree at the annual state FFA convention.



Allred received numerous scholarship offers from state colleges and will attend the University of Oklahoma in the fall seeking a degree in civil engineering.

Dietra Gayle Lee

Dietra Lee, a 17 year old graduate of Sapulpa High School, is the daughter of Rita and Eddie Lee.

Lee was active in the Future Business Leaders of America and the Future Farmers of America. She recently won a first and second place with her swine at the Creek County Livestock Show.

She plans to attend East Central University this fall.

Larry Waymon Ham

Larry Ham, son of Don and Joyce Ham, is a 1988 graduate of Liberty High School.

Ham had a stellar career playing basketball for the Tigers. He was selected to the All-District Seven team for Tulsa County and the Oklahoma Basketball Coaches Association All-Star team. He was also an all-conference selection for the Frisco Conference. Ham was the Frisco Conference Most Valuable Player and was named MVP at the Mannford and Morris high school tournaments.

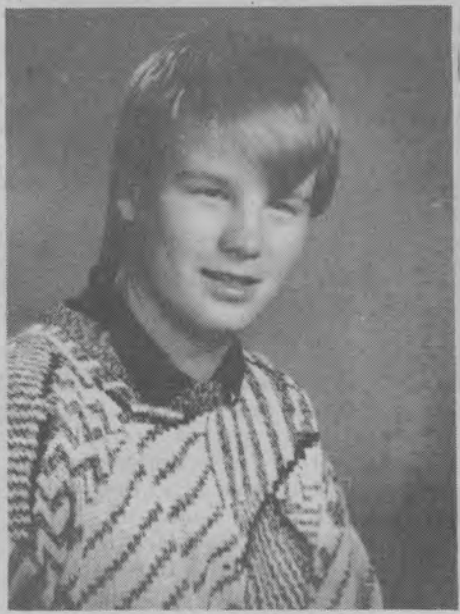
Ham received the Scholar/Athlete Award from the U.S. Army Reserve recognizing him for being salutatorian of his class. He plans to attend college.

Carla Denise Foley

Carla Foley, daughter of Wanda Foley, is a 1988 graduate of Wetumka High School. She is the granddaughter of the late Joe Foley and Hattie Long Foley.

A cheerleader for three years, Foley was active in music and drama. She was a member of the Show Choir, Center Stage and the Madrigal Dinner for two years. She was also a member of the Future Homemakers of America for one year.

She plans to attend East Central University in Ada next fall.



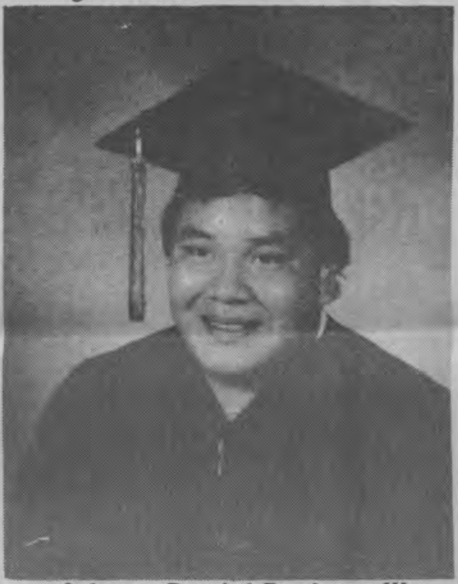
Roy Joe Wheeler

Roy Joe Wheeler, son of Danny Wheeler of Bristow and Connie King of Sapulpa, is a 1988 graduate of Sapulpa High School.

He attend area vocational technical school for two years and was a member of the Sapulpa High School Band for one year. He plans to attend Northeaster State University in the fall.

Elaine Barnett

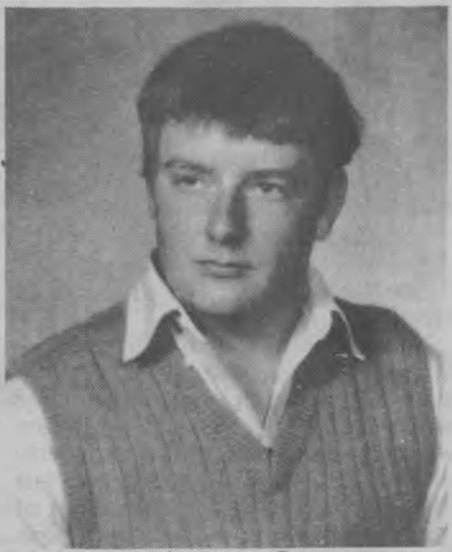
Elaine Barnett, daughter of Dicey and Edward Barnett, is a 1988 graduate of Wilson High School. She plans to attend Rogers State College and seek a degree in business management.



Johnny Daniel Buckner III

Johnny Daniel Buckner III son of John and Darlene Buckner and grandson of Lucille Bear of Henryetta graduated from Wilson High School on May 12th 1988.

Buckner lettered in baseball. His future plans are to attend Bacone College, in Muskogee.



Terry Gene Comer

Gene Comer is the son of Joe and Sharon Comer. He is a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council and the Academically Talented Program. He plans to attend Northeastern State University in Tahlequah this fall.

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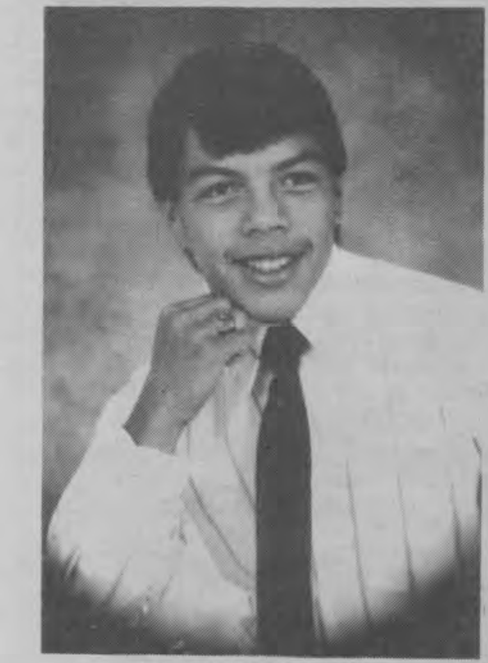
Natalie Taryole

Natalie Taryole, daugther of Newman and Lydia Taryole of Bristow. Taryole served on the student council; Pep Club President; Junior Class Vice-President; and Sophomore Class President. Her honors include: Masonic Lodge Student of Today award; basketball all-star player; 1987 basketball queen and 1988 football queen.



Amos Phillip McNac

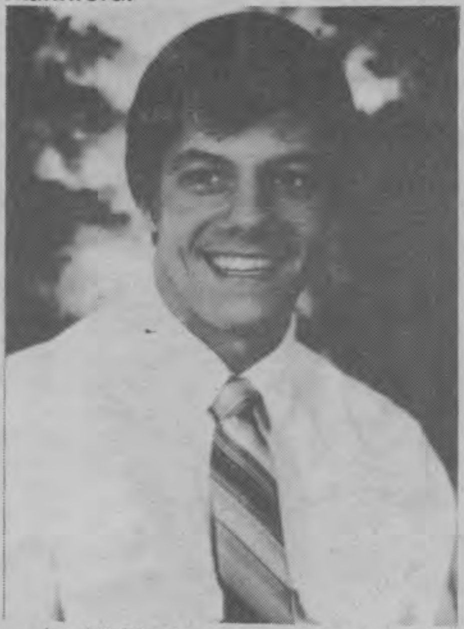
Amos McNac, son of Amos and Royce McNac, is a 1988 graduate of Bristow High School.

McNac wrestled for the high school for four years and qualified for the state tournament twice. He was selected to the Class 3A all-state wrestling team this past season and placed fifth at a national tourney last summer. McNac was also manager of the football team, a member of the Future Farmers of America for four years, including one year as vice-president. He was also active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes for three years.

The grandson of the Weetsie McNac and the late Johnny McNac, the Creek athlete plans to attend the New Mexico Polytechnical Institute.

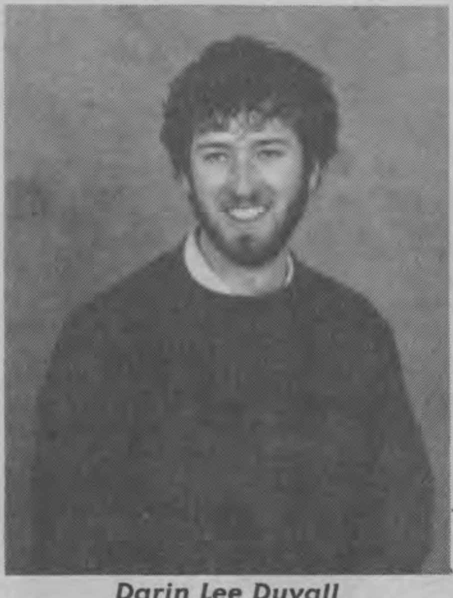
Tommy Joe Evans

Tommy Evans, son of Kay Evans, Bristow and Les Evans of Mannford, is a 1988 graduate of Bristow High School. He is the grandson of Gene and Mable Vanzant of Bristow and Virgle and Bonnie Evans of Mannford.



An All-District choice in football for Class 3A-3, he was a three year letterman in football. He also led the Pirates baseball team in homeruns this pas season and won the Most Valuable Player award at the Stroud baseball tourney.

Evans served as class vice-president and took auto mechanics. He plans to attend trade school for mechanics.

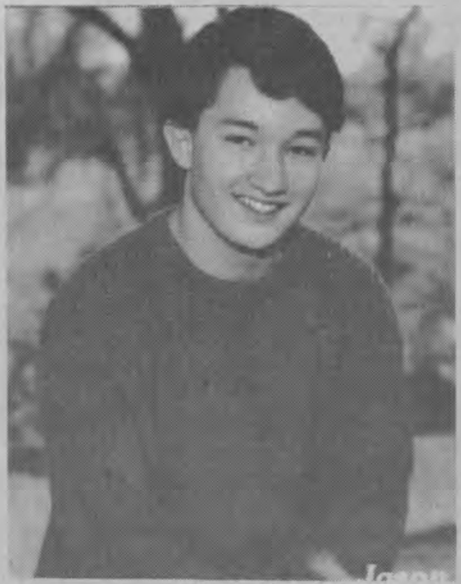


Darin Lee Duvall

Darin Duvall, son of Frank and Sandi Duvall of (nee Copenhaver), received his bachelor of art degree in psychology from California State University in May 1988. He has been accepted in the graduate school program at CSU and will pursue a masters degree in experimental psychology.

His ultimate goal is to earn his doctorate in psychology. He hopes to work with children and educational reforms.

The grandson of T.J. Copenhaver and the great-grandson of Antone Copenhaver. The late Mary Bittle was his great-grandmother. He has numerous relatives in the Duck Creek area of Oklahoma.



Jason S. Lerblance

Jason Lerblance, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lerblance and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lerblance is a 1988 honors graduate of Morris High School.

A member of the National Honor Society, Lerblance maintained a 3.9 grade point average and graduated in the top five percent of his class.

He was selected to Who's Who Among American High School Students. He plans to attend Oklahoma City University in the fall and major in criminal law.

Craig S. Kasero

Craig Kasero, a Creek/Laguna, is a 1988 graduate of St. Catherine High School in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Kasero is a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council and has been president of his class for five consecutive years. He graduated third in his class.

His biography has been published in Who's Who Among AMerican High School Students twice and The Society of Distinguished American High School Students for four years. A letter winner in track, Kasero also coached the Junior High School volleyball team for St. Catherine H.S.

Kasero plans to attend either the University of Notre Dame or the University of New Mexico where he was awarded the Excel Scholarship.

Kasero is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kasero of Laguna, NM and the grandson of the late Joe and Hattie Foley of Wetumka.

CARMAN MELANIE CHALAKEE

Carman recently graduated from Wilson High School and is planning to attend Oklahoma State Tech. She is currently employed at Creek Nation Bingo and is the 1988 Okmulgee Roundup Club Queen. She is the daughter of Bunky Chalakee, Wilson, and Barbara Guerrero, Pendleton, Or. and the granddaughter of the late Webster Chalakee and Martha Chalakee, Wilson.

Patrick Freeman, Jr.

(No photo available)

Patrick Freeman Jr., Creek-Cherokee from Kansas City, Kansas, has been conferred his bachelor of science degree in architecture from the University of Kansas in commencement exercises May 15.

Freeman is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Patrick Freeman of Kansas City, and grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Freeman, formerly of Okmulgee.

—NOTICE—

To become enrolled with the Creek Tribe, the following steps are involved in the application process, according to the Creek Nation Citizenship Board--

1. You must provide evidence of Creek blood by: a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), verfied by Okmulgee issuing agency, unbroken chain of birth certificates, court approved heirship or a combination of the above.

2. Make application for enrollment which includes ancestry information with the CN Citizenship Board, located at the Creek Nation Complex, telephone 918-756-8700, ex. 224 or write Citizenship Board at P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447.

Becoming enrolled does not automatically qualify you to vote in the tribal elections. To be eligible to vote, you must register with the Creek Nation Election Board and receive a Voter Registration Card.

Indian education director says state is recognizing special educational needs of Indian students-

By Jim Wolfe

"The biggest challenge for the education of Indians in Oklahoma is providing students with quality viding students with quality education and life skills without sacrificing their culture," says Ron West, director of the Indian Education Section of the Oklahoma State Department of Education.

Education has become the panacea for all societal ills in the late 1980's. While it is true that a formal education affords many career opportunities and a higher standard of living that generally exclude those without any formal education, that fact alone will not keep children in school or get Indians admitted to college.

West says 'Education begins at the home and it is important to have parents and educators working together for the best educational interests of the children."

Unfortunately, Indians have not always enjoyed the educational opportunities as other non-Indians because of economic conditions and social injustices.

The 1986-87 Oklahoma High School Dropout report, prepared by Danene Hartman, 761 Indian students interrupted their high school education. Though that number is only 8.8 percent of all droputs in Oklahoma, it is still a significant total.

West believes that Indian education programs are making a difference.

"School's having Indian education programs are recording a lower programs are recording a lower Indian student dropout rate of less than five percent."

Some Oklahoma public schools are benefitted by two federal programs for their Indian student populations. One is the Title IV-A (an amendment to Public Law 874) and the Johnson O'Malley (JOM) program, adopted in 1934.

Title IV is "designed to meet the education needs of Indian students." There are 69,789 students in the state's program representing 103 tribes. Creek students number 6,407 (nine percent of all Indian students in public schools). Only the Cherokees and the Choctaws have more students in the Title IV program.

The program benefits others as well as Indian students. Title IV employees of Indian descent numbered 561. For fiscal year 1987, Oklahoma public schools received block grants totaling $8,168,827. Since 1983, Oklahoma has received $46,390,723 in grants.

During 1986-87, 14,577 parents of Indian students participated in the Title IV program through parent conferences, advisory committees, school personnel consultations or was a volunteer assistant.

The program has funded Indian student counselor programs, tutors, reading programs, computer education and mathematics programs among others.

The JOM program was developed to "provide better educational opportunities for Indian students."

According to the most recent statistics, 41 school districts participated in the JOM program serving 3,265 students.

THe stated objectives of the program are to improve test scores in academic subjects, decrease the number of Indian student dropouts by two and a half percent each year and to improve the Indian student's self image.

The JOM program also brings money to the state's education money to the state's education coffers. For FY 86, the Oklahoma State Department of Education Allocation of federal funds was $486,992. This amount has been decreasing each year since 1982's allotment of $2,334,382.

While there is much to be encouraged about for the education of Indian students in Oklahoma's public schools, the efforts are not reflected in Oklahoma's higher education system.

According to an Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education study, "Native Americans are moving into college at one half the rate of the general population. Once enrolled, they tend to persist and progress from year to year at .96 of the rate of all students."

Where are the Indian college students? In the fall of 1986. 6,666 Indian students were enrolled in Oklahoma's colleges and universities. As one might expect Northeastern State University in Tahlequah had the highest number of Native Americans enrolled with 1218. That number accounts for 15 percent of its student metriculation.

Within the Creek Nation, 328 Indians (14.4 percent) were enrolled at the Oklahoma State University Technical Branch in Okmulgee and 92 (6.0 percent) were enrolled at Connors State College in Warner.

Of all the Native Americans enrolled in Oklahoma institutions for higher education, NSU had 18.3 percent on their campus. OSU Technical Branch ranked sixth with nearly five percent.

The Regents study suggets that Indians tend to enroll in institutions close to home and that Native Americans are disproportionally enrolled in regional universities (NSU, Southeastern, etc.) and underepresented in comprehensive universities (the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University).

The Creek Nation higher education program will provide financial assistance for approximately 1,800 students attending college next fall. The Bureau of Indian Affairs accounted for 22 percent of those awards while the Muscogee Nation will assist with 78 percent (1,363 students) of the financial awards.

According to Dan Burgess, manager of the tribe's higher education program, "All available funds are awarded. We could help many more students and would love to do so but, we just don't have the funds."

The Regents study reveals that "Almost half of higher education's potential Native American enrollment seems to get lost to the system, even before they get to the system."

Though unable to determine specific reasons for these "lost" Indians, some suggested causes include lower economic status, rural orientation, lack of high school retention and racial discrimination.

"Getting the Native American into college is the first priority colleges should address," concludes the study. "Raising the bachelors degree participation to levels of equity should be the next priority and a stronger movement into graduate study should follow."

Unfortunately no one has stepped forward with a plan that will eliminate the racial stereotypes and economic disparity that plague Indians so that Native Americans can receive a quality education and proceed to college. Such a plan will require money and says West, "the coordinated efforts of tribal, local, state and national officials."

A letter from Ernest Best

"The fool hath said in his heart 'There is no God.'" Psalms 14:1

We live in a sophisticated society that says there is no God. On the job, in the workplace and in the schools, there is such an empty feeling. No one speaks of God. Indeed, sometimes it feels like there is no God in our society. Yet, we know that when God created man, he created a three fold being...body, soul and spirit. Society says we are two fold beings; just body and soul. They say feed and clothe the body and educate the mind and the needs of a person will be met. However, we know that no matter what we do to fulfill the body, the mind and emotions, there will always be an emptiness within us. The spirit was given to communicate with God. There is an unsatisfied longing within a person when the spiritual need is not met. It is only through a personal relationship with God, through his son Jesus Christ, that we can know peace and have that deep longing within us filled. Society may be made up of fools who do not believe there is a God but, don't let them fool us. Our innermost needs can be met through our Lord Jesus Christ.

May was a very good month. We were in revival at Cornerstone Baptist Church in Westville. There were four who accepted the Lord, some come for baptism and many came for prayer and rededication. We were then in a missions conference at First Texas Indian, Livingston, Tex., where we had a great time in the Lord. We next were at Faith Baptist Church, Broken Bow. The Lord blessed in a great way. The last week we were in a camp meeting at Calvary Baptist, Eufaula, where we enjoyed tremendous preaching and singing. We received a much-needed refreshing from the Lord.

We now have Jerry's tapes and they are ready to be sent out. We are pleased with the way they turned out and we have received good response from those who have heard them.

We are looking forward to a very busy season ahead. We appreciate your prayer for our health, safety in travel, souls to be saved and that we will be an encouragement to others.

Your missionary to the North American Indians,
(s) Bro. Ernest, Bennie and family

CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR CREEK RECIPIENT ERNEST CHILDERS *(right) is shown with State Senator Kelly Haney who initiated a resolution passed by the House and Senate for Childers and Jack Montgomery (Cherokee), also a recipient, to be honored at a special luncheon during the recent State Sovereignty Symposium.*

AWARD-WINNING YOUNG INDIAN ARTISTS FROM MORRIS PUBLIC SCHOOL, *are shown left to right, front: Donna Washington, Geneva Rabbit, Sonya Tarpalachee, Matthew Payne, William Haney and Mekko Riley. Back, left to right, are: Shannon Dailey, Kari Bales, Earl Payne, and Marty Wittman.*

Morris Indian students winners in regional art competition

Indian art students from the Morris Public School System were among the winners in the Regional Indian Student Art Show held at the Tony Goetz Elementary School in Muskogee

These students were: Grades 5-8, Best of Show (trophy and $5)-Matthew Payne, 6th grader, for a metal tooling of an eagle; Shannon Dailey, 8th grader-First place ribbon in painting; William Haney, 8th grader-Second Place ribbon in Drawing; and Mekko Riley, 7th grader, Second Place ribbon in Pencil Drawing.

Earl Payne, 10th grade, won the Best of Show (trophy and $10) for grades 9-12 with a Pastel Drawing. Other high school students winning were; Sonya Tarpalechee, 11th grade-Second place ribbon in Graphics; Marty Wittman, 9th grade-Third Place in Graphics and Donna Washington, 9th grade-Honorable Mention in Graphics.

In the Drawing category, Kari Bales, 11th grade, received Third Place and Geneva Rabbit, 12th grade, received Honorable Mention.

In the State Show, Morris Middle School students, Shannon Dailey, received Second Place for his painting and William Haney received Honorable Mention. In the High School division, Earl Payne and Geneva Rabbit received Honorable Mentions.

Earl Payne and Geneva Rabbit also were among those entering works in the Second Congressional District Art Show in Coweta.

The art instuctor of these Indian students is Sandy Wilson, Creek.

The Statewide Indian Student Art Show held in April by the Oklahoma State Dept. of Education, in cooperation with the Center of American Indians--Kirkpatrick Center, American Indian Institute (OU), Cherokee Nation, OCIE and NIEA Steering Committee--Tulsa, was divided into regional competitions. Pete Beaver, Creek, served as the Region I (which includes 8 counties, includeing Okmulgee County).

The students art will be exhibited in the month of June at the Center of American Indian, Kirkpatrick Center, OKC, also in July, the Department of Education building, OKC, will exhibit the students work and the National Indian Education Conference (NIEA) conference in November 13-17 will exhibit the work.

Hanna students winners in the State art contest of Indian Exposition

The following Hanna students were winners in the State Art Contest at the American Indian Exposition held at the OU campus in Norman, April 17-19: Rodney Josie, Carri Harjo and Sumara Proctor.

Rodney, 8th grader, is the son of Lawrence Josie, Hanna and Barbara Josie, Tulsa and grandson of Billy Deo, Hanna. He won first place in the Junior Division for his tempera painting, "Stickball."

Carri, 8th grader, is the daughter of Alex and Barbara Harjo, Hanna, and she won Honorable Mention for her quiltwork. She is the granddaughter of the late Jack Harjo and Nancy Harjo of Hanna and Charles and Lena Farr.

Samara Proctor, 9th grader, is the daughter of Sam and Hattie Proctor, Hanna and she won second place for her Craft entry, "Ceremonial Belt."

The art contest was sponsored by the State Department of Indian Education. Supervisor of the students was Title IV -A coordinator and teacher, Chanena Davis.The state winners art work will be on display at the Kirkpatrick Center in Oklahoma City through June.

Other students entering the art contest were; Melody Butler, Winey Gray, Stanley Harjo, Ramona Gray, Oscar Hicks and Chippie Lewis.

Junior colleges meet special need among Indians—

MUSKOGEE--Junior colleges meet a very special need among American Indians in part because many more Indians than whites attend two-year colleges, an official of the American Indian Physicians told the Bacone College Board of Trustees recently.

"There are two trends developing-a growing population of college-age youth and an increasing high school graduation range," said Terry Hunter. "That should foretell increasing enrollment in post-secondary institutions for American Indians, all other things being equal, of course."

Hunter said the total enrollment of American Indians in higher education grew by 15 percent between 1976 and 1982, but declined by about 5,000 between 1982 and 1984.

"In 1984, the majority, or roughly about 60% percent of American Indians attended two-year colleges, compared to 36 percent (of) whites, which indicates to me that Bacone being a two-year private institution should have quite an enrollment of American Indians," Hunter said.

He said educators must address not only recruitment, but also barriers Indians must overcome to receive a higher education.

"We talk about lack of academic preparation, lack of guidance and counseling... lack of a support system of parents and teachers, lack of self-esteem, lack of role models, lack of study skills," he said.

He said Bacone is located in a prime area to recruit Native Americans. Another of Bacone's assets is its religious affiliation, Hunter said.

"A lot of students today, when they look at junior colleges, an attraction that many have talked to me about is if that school is really a spiritual school," he said.

Bacone is related to the American Baptist Churches, U.S.A.

NIEA in phase of move to Washington, D.C. office

The National Indian Education Association has chosen professional representation in the Nation's capitol as the first step in a move to Washington set for 1989. NIEA has retained the law firm of Hobbs, Straus, Dean and Wilder to represent the association there.

In preparation for the move to Washinton, as mandated by the general membership, NIEA has closed its office in Minneapolis. Until the relocation is complete the Washington-based firm will provide advocacy, communications, coordination and office management services. According to NIEA President Ed Parisian, the ultimate goal is to raise enough funds by January 1, 1989 to hire an executive director and support staff to run the new Washington office and meet the education association's ongoing obligations.

The planned relocation to Washington is to provide NIEA more direct access to Congress and a national voice on Indian education issues. The association is currently holding a membership drive and is seeking the participation of all State Indian Education associations.

Creek poet honored with poetry award

George D. Scott, a Creek poet currently residing in Oklahoma City has just had original poetry published in *Poetry of Life*, a major anthology of today's poetry. The poems are entitled *"Stopping by Light"* and *"The Dreamer"*.

George has been writing for seven years. He says he writes about whatever inspires him and has no particularly favorite subject.

George attended Okemah public schools and graduated from high school there in 1974. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Mose Scott of rural Okemah. He is full-blood Creek, describing poetry as allowing him to glean from life, thoughts or ideas from many perspectives; and to work out a method of expression that is distinctively his own voice.

George has received two Golden Poet Awards from World of Poetry Association and has been selected as Best New Poet of 1987, by American Poetry Association. George said he wanted to encourage other aspiring Indian poets who may not have their work published to keep on writing and not to give up.

THE DREAMER

Rain patters by the window
where I read by light,
Sluicing all through my soul.
Torn between love of knowledge
And love for her, I turn
A page. Seeing nothing fixed or solid
And how roots are ripped from soil
As the tree fallen in the night
To remind one of another day's toil,
I smell the damp dusty earth
Of human strife, where men burn,
And think, is death better than birth?

But the dream comes and goes
Memory slogs in a muddy wake
At daybreak. When the mind bows
In weariness like a man bent
As Time wears his back
Shall I go in the way he went?
Night leaves my soggy books on the sill
Dawn greets me with whiskeyshakes
and a wavering will.
-George D. Scott

STOPPING BY LIGHT

In the street
up ahead, something
reflects the sun.

The body before the mind
Drifts to the glittering light.

I am drawn to it
Like insects drawn to light
Out of Darkness

Or like men I suppose
Drawn to wealth, who love
Both light and the cover of darkness.
Torn between love of knowledge
And love for her, I turn.

When I get there I wonder
If it's money or something of value.

But when I get there
It is merely broken glass instead,
Nothing more, scattering the sun.

A work is still attached
To a fragment of the broken wine bottle
I wonder who has gone to pieces.
-George D. Scott

"Mound" Honored. . .

. . .please find enclosed a poem directed at the "Mound". I must, I feel to keep the image of the este Muskogee poet alive by adding another stick to the fire. My chance to herald the Creek Nation poetically has opened up to me. I am getting invitations from many Native American publishers for my works; such as Harper and Row Publishers, etc. I had dreamed that some day this may happen. of course, I have nothing to do, altho it taxes what little gray matter I have, I scrape-up enough to satisfy most publishers. Hopefully, the Creek Nation News can find space for my meager efforts.

Respectfully yours, Louis Oliver

THE MOUND

A mold has sprouted on the mound
a far cry from Tokepatche town.
A thing delectable, yet powerful;
The Tasekia home of the Muskogee
people.
The Chief sits in his abokta
and precious person, Henneha,
surrounded by the Seven Clans
and the Tustenugies.
Thus, the Creek Court of Law
The ballclubs and buffalo skull
of the ancient pole is no more.
I am of that ancient blood-
I speak its tounge fluently.
I have been scratched and named-
partook of that King of medicines
Meko hoyemecha,
I have sweated over the stones
with mint and sage.
I know of the sacred fire
around which we danced
to daybreak.
Wotka Okisce!
-Louis Oliver

Smithsonian Institute offers Indian Internship

The Smithsonian Institution Office of Public Affairs in Washington, D.C. is accepting applications for a one-year American Indian/Alaska Native internship, beginning September 6. The intern will have a key role in developing a media outreach effort by the Smithsonian to the national American Indian community.

The person chosen for this position will have demonstrated writing and communications skills and a direct involvement with tribal peoples. As part of a team, the intern will work ith part of a team, the intern will work with members of the Smithsonian's Public Affairs Office, becoming familiar with many facets of their work. Responsibilities will include: held the Institute tell the story of the wide diversity of resources available through the Institute, to help Indian peoples; address matters of concern--current and historical--to tribal peoples; provide a resource to the Institute bureaus for American Indian outreach; aid in the production of publicity materials. The intern can expect to acquire useful experience in the operations of a public relations program, including working with media and writing articles.

Applicants are sought from candidates who have completed a bachelor's degree or higher; experience in journalism or public relations preferred; experience with a word processor or computer helpful. The term is for one year, beginning September 6, 1988 and the stipend is $15,000. To apply, send letter of interest, resume with references, transcript, and three writing samples by ***July 1*** to: Ink Mendelsohn, Office of Public Affairs, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. 20560,

Indian Affairs Chairman Gains in Leadership Race-

Senator Daniel Inouye-D-Hawaii, Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs is in the forefront in the effort to succeed Senator Robert Byrd-D-WVa as Majority Leader in the next congress.

Byrd has eliminated himself from the race for senate leader and Inouye now claims he has at least 20 colleagues committed to voting him in. It's likely the next senate leader will need 29 votes to win the balloting. Voting for the senate leader will probably come soon after the presidential election in November.

Inouye, a 26-year veteran of the senate is currently the third ranking senator as secretary of the Senate Democratic Cuacus. He is one of three candidates in the running and all three have been wooing support among colleagues by raising funds for 1988 Senate elections. In the past year, Inouye has donated $90,000 through his Senate Majority Fund Political Action Committee.

Inouye is challenged by Bennet Johnston of Louisiana and George Mitchell of Maine, neither of whom is believed to have more votes than the Hawaii senator. But, their combined support could wrest away the leadership post.

Medallion to honor Sequoyah, creator of Cherokee alphabet

CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA--Robert Youngdeer, chairman of "The Friends of Sequoyah," has announced the non-profit organization's authorization of a silver medallion commemorating Sequoyah's development of the Cherokee alphabet.

Liberty Mint has been commissioned to produce the collector-piece which is 1 1/2 inches in diameter, cast of 99.9% silver content, and weighs one full ounce. The new silver piece is a replica of the medallion presented to Sequoyah by the General Council of the Cherokee Nation in 1825 for his ingenuity in the invention of the Cherokee written word.

The issuer of the Sequoyah medallion, "The Friends of Sequoyah," is a non-profit, tax exempt organization dedicated to the preservation of the history, culture, and heritage of the Cherokee people, which were among the first Native Americans. Among its many services, the association supports the Sequoyah birthplace Museum in Vonore, Tennessee and the Museum of the Cherokee Indian in Cherokee, North Carolina. Robert Youngdeer is chairman; Tom Underwood and Tom Beutell serve as vice chairmen.

Minting of the silver piece honoring Sequoyah is one of the organization's efforts to perpetuate Cherokee tradition. The collector's piece--worth its weight in silver, attractively boxed, and including a brief history of Sequoyah--is expected to cost $30-$40. Trade discounts for quantity purchases by numismatic dealers will be extended. A limited gold minting also will be made available.

"Sequoyah" was the Indian name of George Gist, the off-spring of Nathaniel Gist, a white frontiersman, and his wife, the full-blooded daughter of a Cherokee chieftain. George Gist had an ankle impediment which forced him to walk with a limp. Because of this handicap, he was given the name of "Sequoyah" which loosely translated in the Cherokee language means "pig's foot."

The cripple's birth on Tellico Lake, near Vonore, was considered so insignificant that the date was not recorded, though it was thought to be 1776.

From this humble beginning, Sequoyah became one of the world's greatest literary genuises through his creation of the 86-character Cherokee alphabet. The achievement was all the more remarkable because Sequoyah is the only person in recorded history to devise a system of writing without knowledge of another language. Though born half-white, he was unable to speak, read or write English.

Sequoyah devoted approximately 20 years of his life to the development of the Cherokee alphabet, which actually is a syllabary. The 86 characters or symbols, represent every sound in the Cherokee language. When symbols were exhausted, he resorted to English letters found in Bibles and an occasional newspaper. He modified them by turning the letters in different directions and adding strokes and curlicues. Each was then assigned a Cherokee phonic.

The Cherokee people believed the written speech of the white man to be an exclusive gift of the Great Spirit, and they scoffed at Sequoyah for his folly of trying to emulate it. However, bolstered by the confidence of having taught his own six-year old daughter to read and write in just a few weeks, he persisted in demonstrating to the leading men of the nation in 1821 that his invention was practical.

Within a short time, Sequoyah's people were able to read and write fluently. After this came books and publication of the first Indian language newspaper in history, "The Cherokee Phoenix." Perhaps his alphabet's greatest contribution to Cherokee advancement was its enablement of a formally written constitution patterned after that of the United States.

Despite his genius and fame, Sequoyah (Sequoia in the west) left this world as obscurely as he entered it. He died alone and unattended near the Mexican village of San Fernand in 1843. Around his neck rested the medallion of tribute.

The silver medallion has been authorized on the 150th anniversary of the Cherokee's Trail of Tears, or the Removal. In 1838, approximately 16,000 Cherokees were "relocated" from their southeastern ancestral homelands to reservations in Oklahoma. During the 800-mile six month long forced migation 800-mile, six-month long forced 800-mile, 6-month long forced migration mandated by President Andrew Jackson, despite a Supreme Court ruling against such action, over 4,000 Cherokees--about one-fourth of the entire Cherokee Nation--lost their lives.

President Reagan has recently signed a bill designating the Trail of Tears, which winds through nine states on its way to Oklahoma, a National Historic Trail in sad recollection of this tragic chapter in American history.

For more information on the purchasing of the medallion, contact Tom Underwood, "The Friends of Sequoyah," PO Box 124, Cherokee, NC 28719 or call (704) 497-2202.

OBITUARIES

REV. ROLEY BILLIE

Rev. Roley Billie was born May 9, 1917, to Billiye Billie and Leah Taylor. He died March 8, 1988 at the Veterans Hospital in Oklahoma City. He was 70.

Roley spent his school years at the Euchee Indian School. A carpenter by trade, Roley had recently retired from the H.I.S. Paint Company in Oklahoma City.

A World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy, Roley was a member of the VFW Post 405.

Most of his Christian training years were spent at the West Eufaula Indian Baptist Church in Eufaula. He was ordained to the ministry October, 1985, by the New Trinity Baptist Church in Oklahoma City. He was also an ordained deacon. Prior to his death, Roley and his wife, Martha were the only surviving chartered members of the New Trinity Church.

Survivors include his wife Martha, five daughters; Thelma Smith of Sand Springs, Velma Mullen of Cleveland, Betty Frazier, Ada, Loretta Maddox, Madill, Ramona Fortner, Oklahoma City; one son, John Billie of Oklahoma City; one sister, Lana Francis, Eufaula and one brother, Thompson Billie of Muskogee; 23 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services were held at the Bill Eisenhour Southeast Funeral Home in Del City, March 10 with the Rev. Billy Joe Harjo and Rev. Dion Francis, Sr. officiating. Interment was at the Arlington Memory Gardens, Oklahoma City. Pallbearers were Ron Frazier, Cary Frazier, Jeff Frazier, Chris Mullen, Norman Bradsher and Daniel Billie.

QUINTON MITCHELL

Quinton Mitchell, a 21-year-old resident of Broken Bow, was found dead May 8 in Idabel. He was apparently killed in an automobile accident.

Mitchell was born July 7, 1966 in Wetumka and attended schools in Hanna, Eufaula Boarding School and Jones Academy in Hartshorne. He worked as a food processor at the Tyson Food Processing Plant in Broken Bow. His mother, Cilla Harjo Mitchell and two brothers, Joel and Jackie Mitchell preceded him in death in 1976. He was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include his wife, Audrey Colbert Mitchell of the home; his parents, Tony and Jean Mitchell of Dustin; five brothers, Danny Mitchell of Seminole, Johnny Mitchell of Norman, Jason Mitchell of Okmulgee; Tony Mitchell, Jr. and Jay Dee Mitchell, both of Dustin; two sisters, Judith Harjo of Okmulgee and Tana Hicks of Shawnee; and one half brother, Abner Lee Harjo.

All night wake services were held Friday, May 13, at the Mitchell residence, west of Hanna.

Funeral services were held at the Mitchell residence Saturday, May 14. Officiating were the reverends Sam Mitchell, Johnson Roberts and Richard Carr. Interment was in the Mitchell Family Cemetery under the direction of Shurden Funeral Home.

SARTY FRY

Mr. Sarty Fry, 83-year old resident of Henryetta, died May 18 in Okemah. He was born October 22, 1904 and was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include three brothers, Harbie Fry, Loney Fry and Sam Fry, Jr., all of Henryetta and a host of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held May 21 at 2 p.m. at the Tim Thompson residence. Interment was in the Harjo Cemetery, with arrangements through the Shurden Funeral Home.

JOSEPHINE SUNNY

Miss Josephine Sunny, lifetime resident of Okmulgee, died Saturday, May 21, in an area hospital. She was 73 years of age.

Miss Sunny was born April 28, 1915 in Okmulgee and was a member of the Honey Creek Methodist Church. She was preceded in death by her brother, Rev. Eugene Sunny in 1987, and a sister, Isabel Hardridge in 1985.

She is survived by two brothers, George Sunny of Okmulgee and Tom Sunny of Tulsa; four sisters, Mary Sunny, Peggy Chalakee and Betty Woodfield, all of Okmulgee, and Joanne Dunn of Morris: and several nieces. and nephews.

Wake services will begin at 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 24 at the Honey Creek Church.

Funeral services were held May 25, at the Honey Creek Church, with the Rev. Willie Gooden officiating. Interment followed at the Okmulgee Cemetery under the direction of the Cantrell-Kelley Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were members of the Senior Methodist Group of the Honey Creek Methodist Church.

RYAN HARJO

Funeral services for Ryan Scott Harjo, age nine, were held at the Creek Chapel Indian Methodist Church, east of Okemah, at 1:00 p.m. June 4. He died May 31 at his home.

Born March 12, 1979 in Okemah, Harjo attended school in Okemah and was a member of the Creek Chapel Indian Methodist Church.

Survivors include his parents, James and Shirley Harjo (nee West) of Okemah, one brother, Eric (Boomer) Harjo, two sisters, Sharon and Gail Harjo, and three neices, Lisa, Lori and Latasha Davenport, all of the home, and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Burial was in the West Family Cemetery under the direction of the Webbs Funeral Service.

GEORGE W. WALKER

George Walker, 85, retired educator and administrator, died early Monday at Oklahoma Methodist Manor in Tulsa.

A native of Indian Territory, near Stidham, he was born July 31, 1902. Mr. Walker was a member of the Muscogee Creek Nation. He graduated from Bacone College High School, attended Bucknell University in Pennsylvania and received his A.B. degree from the University of Oklahoma, where he also did graduate work. He earned his Masters Degree in School Administration from the University of Nebraska. He married the former Pauline Johnson on June 23, 1927 in Fort Smith, Arkansas. He began his work as teacher and high school principal at Bacone College in 1927, and entered Indian Service as a teacher at Shiprock, N.M. in 1936. He was later a principal at Chinle Boarding School in Chinle, Arizona and Macy Day School, Macy, Nebraska, before being transferred to Pawnee as principal of the Pawnee Indian Boarding School in 1952. Two years later he was promoted to School Superintendent. He was also superintendent of Cheyenne-Arapaho Indian School in Concho and Chilocco Boarding School in Chilocco before retiring in 1966.

After retirement, Mr. and Mrs. Walker made their home in Muskogee. Including his years at Bacone, Mr. Walker was affiliated with Indian school youth as an educator or administrator for almost 39 years. In 1955 he received an honor award from Bacone College for outstanding Christian education among Indian students and upon his retirement he received a Meritorious Service Award from the Department of the Interior.

Walker was a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church, where he belonged to the Fellowship Sunday School class. He was also a member of the International Lions Club, National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Oklahoma Education Association, National Education Association and Phi Kappa Delta.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 8 at 10 a.m. in Foster's Ivory Chapel of Petering Funeral Home with Dr. Owen Gragg and Dr. M. Douglas Fleming of Oklahoma Methodist Manor, officiating. Interment was in the Greenlawn Cemetery in Checotah.

SAM BEAVER

Sam Beaver, 47 year-old resident of Henryetta, died June 7 in Oklahoma City. He was born June 13, 1940, in Holdenville and was a welder by trade. Survivors include his wife Winny Beaver of the home; three sons, Robin Beaver of Weleetka, Sam Beaver, Jr. and Sam Beaver III, both of Okemah; two daughters, Charlene Deere of Holdenville and Lillian Beaver of Henryetta; three stepdaughters, Sabrina Smith, Charal Lee and Clestine Lee, all of Henryetta; his father, George Beaver of Wewoka and one brother, Tom Beaver of Wewoka; and two sisters, Wyenema Brown of Oklahoma City and Eloise Johnson of Calvin.

Mr. Beaver was taken to the Creek Community Center in Weleetka June 9 for evening services. The funeral was held June 10 at the Center with the Reverends Bunny Hill and Mitchell Walker officiating. Interment was in the Beaver Cemetery, Sasakwa.

Creek mineral/land owners urged to contact tribal program with concerns-

The Creek Nation Task Force on the Management of Tribal Resources is making a request to Creek mineral and/or land owners who have experienced problems with leases, royalty payments, production reports or any other areas of concern to contact the Creek Nation Realty Management Office, Rodney Durosette, manager, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee OK. 74447. Please document in writing any area of concern you might have experienced or are currently experiencing and mail to the above address as soon as possible.

Canadian Indians help tribe fight alcoholism

A Canadian Indian group that has achieved near-total sobriety is helping the Tohono O'odham Nation is southern Arizona fight alcoholism and other drug abuse. Members of Canada's Alkali Lake Indian Band recently conducted five days of workshops for Tohono O'odham leaders, educators and health officials. "We're looking here to develop a sober society, because self-determination can only occur through people with clear minds who know what their vision of the future is," said Steve Wall, behavorial health director for the Toronto O'odham Health Department. The Alkali band, which has about 300 members, spent the past 15 years reaching a sobriety rate of 97 percent--up from zero, federal and tribal officials say.

"They have had the courage and perseverance to make some hard choices, like the tribal leadership saying nobody works for the tribe unless they have been sober for two years," Wall said. In another step--one that opposed the wishes of the Canadian government--Alkali leaders refused to distribute government subsistance checks to Indians with drinking problems, Wall said. Instead, they were given tribal vouchers with which they could buy food and other essentials--but no booze or drugs. No Arizona tribes are known to have taken such severe steps, although the Canadian band's accomplishments "have really made an impression upon the Indian community," said Elizabeth Blackowl, area social worker for the Phoenix Area office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

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Hodel lauded for BIA cooperation by senators

The Special Committee on Investigations of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs praised Interior Secretary Donald Hodel in a April 14 letter for "exemplary cooperation your department has tendered to to our committee." Signed by the Chairman Dennis DeConcini, (D-Arizona), Co-Chairman John McCain, (R-AZ), and member Thomas Daschle, (D-S. Dako member Thomas Daschle, (D-S. Dakota), the letter said, "It is sometimes difficult to achieve a full sense of common purpose between the Congress and the Executive Branch. We want to praise your department for working together with us and arriving at a harmonious and productive relationship." THe Committee singled out John Trezise, the Department's primary contact point as "responsive, cooperative and diligent."

The letter praised Assistant Secretary Ross Swimmer and BIA Operations Deputy Pat Ragsdale as "unwavering in their support, full cooperation, and unqualified assurance to us that we will have complete access to any document or person under their respective jurisdictions without restriction or limitation. This level of complete access to any document or striction or limitation. This level of complete cooperation deserves the highest commendation."

Minerals Management Services Deputy Associate Director Jimmy Mayberry and Deputy IG Joyce Fleischman, came in for the same praise. The investigation by the committee follows a series of newspaper articles detailing past IG reports and BIA audits going back over a 15 year period.

Muscogee National Council Minutes-

SPECIAL SESSION: APRIL 30, 1988

CALL TO ORDER: Kenneth L. Childers, Speaker

ROLL CALL: A quorum was declared with twenty members present and six absent. Those present were: Almerigi, Bear, Bible, Chupco, Burden, Buck, Johnson, Frye, Dunson, Cloud, Gilroy, Kamp, Little, Primeaux, McIntosh, Newton, Rhodes, Thomas, and Williams. Those absent were: Robert Buck, Cleghorn, Roberts, Stacy and Wilson.

The Speaker informed the Council that he received a letter with the required signatures requesting a Special Session be held to consider an amendment to the Rules of Procedure governing the National Council and to place a Bill on the agenda. The letter was read and signed by: Primeaux, Frye, Newton, Thomas, Kamp, Bear, Berryhill and Bible.

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:

A need exists for the National Council to create a FACT FINDING INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE. The committee shall consist of seven (7) members of the National Council and shall be assigned to the committee by the Speaker of the National Council.

RULES AND PROCEDURES GOVERNING THE NATIONAL COUNCIL

Article 5, Section A, shall be amended to read: Legislation introduced by a Representative (sponsor), or at the request of the Principal Chief (by request), shall be assigned by the Speaker to one of the "Five Standing Committees" or to the National Council "Acting as a committee of the whole"; and shall proceed through the Committee System. All Committee Assignments/Bills which include budgets that have been reviewed by the assigned committee shall be reviewed by the Committee on Business & Government Services prior to the submission to the full Council.

INVESTIGATIVE AND FACT FINDING COMMITTEE

Juridiction: Investigation of any irregularities that may exist in any branch of Muscogee (Creek) Nation Government. This Committee shall have, with the approval of the Speaker, subpoena authority over all citizens and employees of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and over all records pertaining to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

The Committee shall have the authority to utilize the services of Legal Counsel. Said Legal Counsel shall be employed under the authority of Article VI, Section 7 (f), of the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. The Bill to be considered to add to the agenda under Items for Consideration was read as follows: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE FUNDING AND EMPLOYMENT OF LEGAL COUNSEL TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION. **Section 101. Findings.** The need exists for the National Council and its various committees to have the services of Legal Counsel. Authority for the National Council to employ Legal Counsel is found at Article VI, Section 7, (f) of the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. **Section 102.** The amount of ten-thousand ($10,000) dollars is hereby appropriated from "Bingo" revenues to be used as compensation for all services of Legal Counsel. Legal Counsel shall be selected and retained by a majority vote of the National Council. **Section 103.** Appropriated funds not used the end of FY 88 shall be returned to the "Bingo Revenue Account". A motion was made by Burden and seconded by Primeaux to accept the amendment to the Rules of Procedure and the Bill. A motion was made by Gilroy and seconded by Little to postpone this until the Planning Session so that they may have more time to review the amendment to the procedures and the Bill. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Fourteen in favor, six against and no abstentions. Voting yes were: Almerigi, Berryhill, Buck, Bible, Cloud, Dunson, Gilroy, Johnson, Little, Newton, Rhodes, Williams, McIntosh; voting no were: Bear, Burden, Kamp, Primeaux, Thomas. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned.

SPECIAL SESSION MAY 12, 1988

INVOCATION: Jonas Dunson

CALL TO ORDER: Kenneth L. Childers, Speaker

ROLL CALL: A quorum was declared with nineteen members present and seven members absent. All business conducted will be considered valid and entered into the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Code of Laws as such. Roll call was as follows: Present: Almerigi, Berryhill, Buck, Childers, Chupco, Cleghorn, Cloud, Dunson, Frye, Kamp, Little, Newton, Rhodes, Primeaux, Stacy, Thomas, Williams and Wilson; Absent were: Bible, Johnson Buck, Burden, Johnson, Gilroy, McIntosh, and Roberts.

The Speaker informed the Council that he received a letter with the required signatures requesting a Special Session be held to discuss the Creek Nation Festival and Rodeo. The letter was signed by Kamp, Berryhill, Wilson, Williams, Bear, Little and Childers.

5 A A BILL OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION ESTABLISHING AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO COORDINATE THE FY-88 CREEK NATION FESTIVAL & RODEO: AND APPROPRIATING BINGO REVENUE FUNDS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FESTIVAL AND RODEO ACTIVITIES. Section 101 Findings: A. The Creek Nation Festival and Rodeo has been held as an annual event the third week-end of June for the past fourteen years, and each year an investment of tribal other funds to conduct the activities has been required from tribal and other available funds. **Section 102.** The National Council hereby authorizes the establishment of an Executive Committee consisting of four members, to plan, finance, and assist in the coordination of the Festival and Rodeo activities among both clubs for 1988. **Section 103.** The National Council hereby approves of the following persons to serve on the Creek Nation Festival and Rodeo Executive Committee: Harvey Gilroy, Creek Nation Rodeo Assoc., Carney Roberts, Creek Nation Riding Club, Bob Arrington, Tribal Affairs, Creek Nation Rodeo Association, Bob Davis, Controller, Creek Nation Rodeo Assoc. **Section 104** The Executive Committee may select a sub-committee who shall serve at the discretion of the Executive Committee. **Section 105** The terms of the membership shall begin upon approval of this Ordinance and shall expire July 30, 1988. **Section 106.** The National Council, for the purpose of implementing the FY-88 Creek Nation Festival and Rodeo, appropriates the amount of $46,000 from the Bingo Revenue Account. **Section 107.** The Principal Chief is authorzied to expend appropriated BingoRevenue funds for the implementation of the Creek Nation Festival and Rodeo activities as prescribed. **Section 108.** The Executive Committee shall be required to provide a financial report of the appropriated funds thirty days after the Festival and Rodeo has ceased. The BILL having been read the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Primeaux and seconded by Williams to approve the BILL as read. A motion made by Wilson and seconded by Bear to amend the BILL at Section 102 by changing the word authorizes to recognizes, Section 103 by changing the word approves to recognizes and changing in the title the word establishing to recognizes. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being Fourteen in Favor, Three Against, One Abstention. Those voting Yes were: Almerigi, Bear, Berryhill, Buck, Chupco, Little, Cleghorn, Cloud, Dunson, Frye, Newton, Thomas Williams and Wilson. Those voting No: Kamp, Primeaux and Stacy. Abstaining was Rhodes. Motion carried. A motion was made by Dunson and seconded by Wilson to change the date in Section 105 to August. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Eleven in favor, seven against and no absentions. Voting Yes were: Almerigi, Bear, Berryhill, Buck, Dunson, Frye, Little, Newton, Primeaux. Voting No, Kamp, Rhodes, Stacy, Thomas, and Williams. Motion carried. Bill 5-A was approved as amended. Meeting adjourned.

BENEDICTION: Thomas Berryhill

Message of the Principal Chief Returning NCA 88-22 To The National Council With Objections

As Principal Chief, I, Claude A. Cox, do hereby return NCA 88-22entitled "Amending NCA 81-13" to the National Council with objections as follows:

OBJECTION:THE LEGISLATION ATTEMPTS TO AMEND NCA 81-13 IN A MANNER IN CONFLICT WITH THE CONSTITUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION

The tribal government currently operates under personnel policies and procedures as created and organized by the Office of the Principal Chief in accordance with Constitutional requirements.

The subject document, established in February, 1978 and revised on several occasions, has been reviewed, analyzed and discussed by branches of tribal government since its inception.

A goal of this administration during this term is to completely revise and update the personnel policies and procedures.

While attempting to amend NCA 81-13 is unconstitutional without being first proposed by this office, avenues do exist for input into the policies and procedures revision process.

RECOMMENDATION:

Since the legislation as passed is unconstitutional and cannot be fulfilled, no further action is required.

It is further recommended that National Council members forward input on revision of the personnel policies and procedures to this office for consideration.

Claude A. Cox
Principal Chief

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING NCA 81-13
Section 101. Findings. The National Council finds that: A. NCA 81-13 states at Section 102, the Principal Chief is required to implement a Personal Pollicy, the provisions of which may not be contrary to tribal law, etc. B. The Constitution of the Muscogee Nation states at Article VI, Section 6 (b), (c): (b) Every order, resolution, or other act intended to reflect the policy of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation shall be submitted in accordance with the rules and limitations prescribed in case of a bill. (c) Every ordinance, order, resolution, or other act intended to reflect the policy of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation shall be stamped with the Seal of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and be signed by the Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. C. There is, at this time, a personnel policy which was approved by an ADVISORY COUNCIL. However this personnel policy fails to comply with the Constitution of the Muscogee Nation in that ther personnel policy does reflect a policy of the Nation but has not been approved by a duly elected National Council. **Section 102.** NCA 81-13, Section 102 is hereby amended to read: The appointment of all inferior offices and employees is vested in the Principal Chief alone, provided, that this section shall not limit the power of the National Council to advise and consent to the appointment of officers of the Nation. The Principal Chief is required to implement a Personnel Policy, the provisions of which may not be contrary to tribal law, and after administrative remedies are exhausted, the exclusive jurisdictionover all controversies arising under, pursuant to, or in conflict with that Personnel Policy shall belong solely to the courts of the Muscogee Nation. The Personnel Policy shall require the approval of the duly elected National Council of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. A. The Principal Chief shall be required to present the Personnel Policy to the duly elected National Council for consideration and approval within thirty (30) calendar days after this bill becomes an Ordinance. **Enacted** by the Muscogee (Creek) National Council on this 30th day of April. 1988.

FACTS ABOUT THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION COMMODITY PROGRAM
WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE IF YOU:

Are you enrolled as a tribal member or possess a certificate of degree of Indian blood card.

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NOTICE: Creek Nation Surplus Property Sale

Closed bids will be accepted until July 19, 1988, 5:00 p.m. by the Creek Nation on items which have been declared surplus by the Creek Nation. This sale is in accordance with NCA 83-17, an ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation providing for the disposal of surplus tribal property. Creek Nation reserves the right to reject all or any bids and final approval will be made by Principal Chief Cox. All items are listed by number and can be inspected during regular working hours at the Creek Nation Aztec Bldg. located on Eufaula Street, at the south end of the tribal complex in Okmulgee. The bids should be in a sealed envelope and mailed to: Creek Nation Surplus Sale, Attention: Newman Frank, P.O. Box 280, Okmulgee,Oklahoma 74447. The bid should include: the amount, the bidder's name, address and telephone number and the number and description of the item being bid on. Bids will be opened July 20, 1988. The highest bidder will be contacted by either mail or telephone. Goods must be picked up by noon, August 1, 1988 and paid for by cash or a cashier's check, made out to the Creek Nation. For more information contact Newman Frank, 918/756-8700.

001. Project O Stand
002. Machine Cart
003. Cabinet w 8 trays
004. Cabinet w 4 drawers
005. - 007. Califone Language Lab MDL 858
008. - 011. Rolodex MDL 3504-T
012. Temp Master Fan
013. - 015. Rolodex MDL 3504-T
016. - 020. Metal Lawn Chair w/o cushion
021. File Box, 2 drawer 4 x 6
022. File box, 1 drawer 4 x 6
023. File box, 1 drawer 3 x 5
024. File box, 1 drawer 4 x 6
025. - 028. Misc box of office equipment
029. Art O Graph Enlarger
030. Kodak Carousel 650H Projector
031. Slide Case 2/cassette
032. Norelco Dictaphone Machine
033. Victor Calculator MDL 307 SN 7025980
034. Adler Calculator MDL 1228PD
035. Adler Calculator MDL 12P SN 71401453
036. Single Pedestal Desk
037. Lot of 5 folding chairs
038. Lawn chair, metal w/o cushion
039. Chair, Lounge vinyl
040. & 041. Table Conference 5 x 5
042. & 043. Temp Master Fan
044. Texas instrument calculator MDL 5130
045. Rotary Chair w/arms black cloth
046. Chair, typist w/o arms, black cloth
047. Chair, olive green cloth
048. Chair, straight back green cloth
049. Lounger, metal w/o cushion
050. Straight back chair brown vinyl
051. Chair w/arms, green vinyl
052. Chair, straight back w/o arms, blk. cloth
053. Chair, plastic yellow straight back
054. Chair, lawn metal w/cushion
055. & 056. Lawn Chair w/cushion
057. & 058. Waxer & Polisher
059. Bookcase 4 shelf, wood
060. Table, Conference
061. Show Case, wood with 1 drawer
062. Class cabinet
063. Map Table (wood)
064. Cabinet, glass 2 shelf
065. Cabinet, glass , 2 shelf
066. Double pedestal desk
067. Bookcase, 2 shelf, wood
068. Desk, double pedestal, metal gray
069. Conference table
070. School desk
071. Cloth sofa, maize
072. - 074. Metal Lounger
075. High back executive chair
076. Executive chair, rotary, cloth
077. Typist chair, rotary, maize, cloth
078. Rotary chair, executive, black
079. Executive chair, brown
080. Metal bookcase, 4 shelf
081. Executive chair, rotary, black cloth
082. High back executive chair, black
083. Straight back chair, vinyl
084. Executive chair
085. & 086. Brown vinyl chairs w/arms
087. Misc box ledgers
083. Rotary chair w/o back, cloth, maize
089. 2 drawer lateral file cabinet
090. Conference table
091. Wood magazine rack
092. Utility cart w/misc supplies
093. Hot point refrigerator
094. Whirlpool dryer
095. Superscope stereo
096. Zenith television
097. Rockwell saw
098. Superscope stereo
099. Welder
100. Typist desk
101. Zenith television
102. Whirlpool dryer
103. & 104. Superscope stereo
105. Whirlpool washer
106. Tappan stove
107. Double pedestal desk
108. & 110. Galaxy 900 projectors
111. Double pedestal desk
112. Marker board
113. Desk
114. Typist chair, black
115. Typist chair, brown
116. Typist chair, black
117. Rotary chair w/arm, black
118. Letter file cabinet, 4 drawer
119. General purpose table
120. Technicolor mini theater 300D
121. Technicolor 1100D projector
122. High back chair, brown
123. Executive chair, red cloth
124. Screen projector
125. Straight back chair, cloth
126. Typist chair w/o back
127. 5 shelf bookcase
128. & 129. Kardex File cabinet 12 drawer
130. 2 drawer file cabinet, 4x6
131. Kardex file cabinet, 6 drawer
132.-143. Box of yarn in lots of 5
144.-147. Misc. arts and crafts supplies
148.-192. Yarn in lots of 2
193.-242. Misc arts and crafts supplies
243.-247. Box of antique finish or leather dye
248. Projector w/film strips
249. Wood bookcase w/5 shelves
250. Cabinet w/10 drawers
251. Metal magazine rack
252.-254. Misc yarn and craft supplies
255. 1980 Grand Fury VIN JL42LAA161357
256. Datsun King Cab VIN JN6SD06SICW101794
257. Grand Fury Plymouth VIN JL42LAA135239
258. Diesel Fuel Tank
259. 1983 Buick Regal
260. 81 Plumbing truck
261. 76 Ford Courier pickup
262. GM Dully truck bed
263. 65,000 BTU Heat Unit
264. Electrical Boxes
265. Misc box of parts
266. 50,000 BTU hanging heater
267. 11,200 BTU window air cond unit
268. Misc box of electrical parts
269. nothing listed
270. Wood floor tiles
271. Ceramic tiles
272. Electrical boxes
273. 60,000 BTU hanging heater
274. Misc box plumbing PVC connection
275. Plastic containers
276.-293. Misc boxes of PVC connections
294. Mower deck and hood for Allis Chalmers mower
295.-297. Misc plumbing supplies
298. Misc box of PVC and helmets
299. Misc box plastic containers and PVC connections
300.-304. Misc box of PVC connections
305. Misc box of PVC connectors and parts
306. -309. Misc box of PVC connectors
310. Box of plastic containers
311. Sink
312. Posthole digger
313. Fiberglass tub
314. Window, lot of 10
315. Misc box of PVC connections
316.-326. Misc box of PVC connections
327. Vent a hood
328. Misc box of PVC Connections
329. Tires 700 x 15 and F78 x 15
330. Tires 600 x 16 (2) 8.25 x 20
331. Table and misc items
332. Table and carpet w/tri-pods
333. Table and pole lamps
334. Insulation
335. Gas tank body
336.-339. Barrels of PVC connections
340. Gables
341. & 342. Half gables
343. Duct pipe and fitting
344. deleted
345. Toilet and tank
346. deleted
347. Lot of sheet metal
348. Lot of shelves
349. Lot of wall dividers
350. Lot of doors and dividers
351. Utility table
352. Desk
353. Utility table
354. Ceiling tile 3 x 2
355. RCA color TV, 19 inch
356. Rotary chair, w/arms
357. Box of tires and rims for lawn mower
358. Box of misc office supplies
359. Box of misc camera equipment
360. Stool
361. Small engine parts
362. Kardex file, 12 drawer
363. File safe, 3 drawer
364. Box of misc parts
365. Box of misc parts
366. Box of misc office supplies
367. Crafts supplies
368. Telephone system
369. File drawer, 1 drawer, 3 x 5
370. One drawer check file
371. File drawer, 1 drawer, 4 x 6
372. File drawer, 2 drawer, 3 x 5
373.-375. omitted
376. Cabinet and stand
377. Straight back chair
378. Wood straight back chair
379. Kenmore vacuum
380. Qwip data processor
381. Monarch marking system
382. Tray of medical supplies
383. Toaster, 4 slice
384. Stool
385. Box of supplies
386. Osmefan
387. Toaster oven
388. Glass jar
389. Typist chair
390. Brown vinyl chair w/arms
391. Box of medical supplies
392. Plat exposure unit
393. Sprayer
394. Coffee urn
395. Chair and trash can
396. Tappan microwave oven
397. Box of medical supplies
398. X ray cabinet
399. 2 seat lounger
400. RCA color TV 21 inch
401. Hospital bed w/mattress
402. Steam table
403. Ice maker
404. Stretcher
405. Chart holder
406. Storage box
407. Pamphlet rack
408. Cart
409. Wood rocker
410. Suitcase

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The Mvskoke Nation Chapter of the Vietnam Era Veterans Association *provided food support and encouragement to a group of veterans that are trying to create public awareness about missing and unaccounted POW's and MIA's by walking across America; from Los Angeles to Washington, D.C. Pictured in front of the Oakdale Center are: front row, l-r, Bill Elkins, who joined the walk in Albuqueque; Patty Young, an ex-marine who began walking in California and Butch Appel, group leader, amking his second cross country journey for POW's and MIA's; middle row, l-r, Bill Haney, Mvskoke VEV member; John T. McIntosh, VEV Post Commander; Jerry Haney, Commander of the Seminole Nation VEV Chapter. Back row l-r, Mike Kennedy, who joined the march in Okemah; and Jerry Haney, Mvskoke VEV member.*

Photo by Elliot Barnett

Vets Visit Mvskoke VEV Center During trip to Washington

By Jim Wolfe

The Muskoke Nation Chapter of the Vietnam Era Veterans Inter-tribal Association continue to bridge the gaps that separate the Vietnam veteran from mainstream America with its active participation in Vietnam veterans' issues.

On Tuesday, July 19, the VEV welcomed three Vietnam veterans who stopped at the Oakdale Center in Okmulgee on their way to Washington, D.C.

Butch Appel, a veteran of the 4th Infantry Division, served his tour of duty in Vietnam during 1967-68. 20 years later he is walking from Los Angeles, California, to the U.S. Capitol to create awareness of America's missing in action and prisoners of war from Vietnam and Korea that are still not accounted for. Appel has had people join his march from various parts of the country. His goal is to reach Washington, D.C. by November 11, Veterans Day.

John T. McIntosh, regional commander of the VEV Inter-tribal Association said many Native Americans found themselves captive and that there are still too many Americans unaccounted for that may be alive in Southeast Asia.

U.S. President Ronald Reagan addressed the National League of POW-MIA Families in Washington D.C. July 29. Reagan told the group that the Vietnam government has agreed to a joint U.S.-Vietnamese search for those missing in action in Vietnam. Government figures list the number of unaccounted or missing Americans to be 2,394.

Contacted by the *MNN*, U.S. Senator David Boren, (D-Oklahoma), reported that talks between Washington and Hanoi had come to a halt. Oklahoma's senior senator did issue the following statement:

"As chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, I receive regular briefings with the administration on the very important matter of American troops missing in Vietnam. These briefings include investigations of live sightings reports. I believe the U.S. government must never let up the pressure on Vietnam until there is a complete accounting of those Americans missing in action as a result of the Vietnam conflict.

"Before any change is made in the status of our relations with Vietnam, we should be completely satisfied that the Vietnamese government has

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U.S. Court of appeals rule in favor of Creek court and law enforcement

By Helen Chalakee

The U.S. Court of Appeals, Washington, D.C., issued an opinion July 15 reversing a lower court decision that said the Muscogee (Creek) Nation did not have the power to establish tribal courts with criminal and civil jurisdiction.

Susan Haney, lead counsel for the case stated she was very pleased with the opinion and was very proud the Oklahoma Indian Legal Service (OILS), of which she is executive director, was selected to participate in such an important precedent setting case.

The case was taken to the Court of Appeals by Haney, Leah Harjo, a Euchee attorney employed with OILS, and Sherrin Watkins, tribal attorney for Creek Nation.

The lawsuit was initially filed against Donald Hodel, Secretary of the Interior, because the BIA refused funding for Creek tribal courts and law enforcement. The BIA maintained the tribe did not have jurisdiction over criminal and civil matters arguing the Curtis Act of 1898 abolished the tribal court.

Creek attorneys argued the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act (OIWA), passed in 1936 repealed the Curtis Act. The OIWA was passed to "reorganize" the Oklahoma tribes. It did away with allotment and included a provision for establishing a tribal government.

The Court of Appeals opinion stated, "It would be absurd to hold that isolated portion of the Curtis Act and the Creek Agreement survives even though the statutory context in which they appeal- allotment and assimilation- has been stripped away by the OIWA...To construe the OIWA as the Interior wants us to could result (until some change in the law) in a jurisdictional "no man's land".

Haney said the Interior now has the option of appealing to the U.S. Supreme Court with a writ of certiorari. She stated less than ten percent of these type appeals are usually granted each year. She also said mostly they heard cases of national impact and that she felt this case is arguably limited to Creeks.

Dennis Springwater, assistant area director of program services with the Bureau office in Muskogee, told the *MNN* that the Bureau would "wait and see" what develops. The Interior Department has 45 days from the date of the decision July 15, to seek a rehearing and 90 days to petition the Supreme Court for an appeal.

"Basically, we just heard about (the decision)," said Springwater. "We've heard nothing from the Bureau (in Washington)."

Springwater added that the BIA would continue to perform its functions and responsibilities as it has until instructed to do otherwise.

Creek Nation Principal Chief Claude Cox praised Haney and tribal attorney Sherrin Watkins for their efforts. "We've fought for our law enforcement and court system for years," said the Chief. "It looks like everything's in our favor now. We're in pretty good shape."

Company B 179th Infantry 45th Division Reunion—

Company B 179th will hold it's 3rd Company reunion, during the annual 45th Division Reunion August 24-27 at the Hilton West, Oklahoma City. For more information about the reunion, contact Charles (Hook) Johnson, 3501 E. 30th Street, Tulsa, OK 74114, (918) 747-6804.

Company B 179th will also meet in Pawnee on Monday, August 29, at 10 a.m. in the Pawnee Court House. One of the activities of the Reunion will be to plan for a 50th Anniversary of B Company 179th Mobilization to held September, 1990 in Pawnee.

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CN Housing Authority Posts New Regulations

The Housing Authority of the Creek Nation of Oklahoma has recently been directed by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, to implement new regulations that will affect the status of an applicant on the waiting list.

As of July 31, the new Federal Preference regulation went into effect. The Federal Preference Regulation requires the Housing Authority to give more priority on the waiting list to those families that either: A. Are being or about to involuntarily displaced by actions of a State government or agency thats beyond the applicants control, or B. The family is living in substandard housing, or C. The family is paying more than 50% of total family income for rent.

Consequently, the length of time the application has been on the waiting list is no longer a determining factor.

In other developments related to the Housing Authority, an acquisition program has been approved by HUD to allow the Authority to purchase 38 existing homes. The areas where the program will be located is in Tulsa, Creek and Wagoner Counties. In addition, an application to HUD to purchase 40 homes is currently pending in Oklahoma City, notification is not expected until sometime in early 1989.

Applications can be obtained by writing to the Housing Authority of the Creek Nation of Oklahoma, PO Box 297, Okmulgee, OK 74447 or calling (918) 756-8504 and leaving a message on the recording machine after working hours 7:45 - 4:30, Monday through Friday.

Gospel Singings. . .

Emceed by Robert Jones, will be held on the following dates: August 13, Annual Singing at Buckeye Indian Baptist Church, Okemah, supper is at 5:30 p.m.; August 20, Birdcreek Indian Baptist Church, Sasakwa, food sale to benefit church; September 3, Annual Willie Sumka Singing at Henryetta.

All-Night Singing. . .

An "All Creek Hymn Singing Night" will be held Saturday, September 3 from 7:00 - 11:00 p.m. at the Thewarle Indian Baptist Church, located two and one-half miles northeast of Dustin.

The older songs that are not sung in our churches will be sung that night. This will give you an opportunity to bring your tape recorder if you wish to tape.

Your church is cordially invited to bring a "Special" (at least three (3) Creek Songs to sing.) Time will be provided for your group. Anyone that would like to lead some of the older songs will be given the opportunity to do so.

There will be a concession stand by Thewarle church with proceeds going to our Christmas fund. Come prepared to sing, listen or tape. Most of all come and enjoy the fellowship and share the Lord's Word in Song. We are looking forward to your church's participation and everyone is invited.

Creek citizens asked to participate in home energy assistance meeting—

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Division of Community Services office of Social Services will conduct a citizen's participation meeting in the Elderly dining hall at Creek Nation's Capital Complex main office building on August 23 at 2:00 p.m. to discuss and comment on Creek Nation's participation in the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEP). Citizens are encouraged to attend this meeting in order to discuss and comment on the FY 88 LIHEAP application, proposed funding available, eligibility criteria and, proposed program activities.

Eufaula Indian community pow-wow set Sept. 3-5

The Eufaula Indian Community will host it's Second Annual Pow-Wow September 3,4,5 at the Eastside Ballpark overlooking the Lake.

This years Head staff is the Master of Ceremonies- Perry Aunko, Kiowa from Tulsa; and arena director Ira Birdcreek of Shawnee. Also, Matthew Reed, Midwest City, a recognized and nationally known singer and composer, will be the Head Singer at the drum. Wade Weller, Caddo Nation, will be the Head Man dancer. Wade was recognized at the Indian Hills Pow-Wow as "Athlete of the Year." He was a starter on the OSU Cowboys football varsity before graduating.

Thomasine Moore is the head lady dancer coming from Fairfax. She is Osage Tribe at the coming Indian Exposition in Anadarko.

The 1988 Pow-Wow Princess is Kimberly Coser of Stillwater. Kimberly is the daughter of Pete and Joann Coser and the granddaughter of the late George and Stella Coser of Okmulgee.

During the event, you will see the Fancy, Straight and Traditional dancing. The women will perform in the cloth and buckskin. There will be Gourd dancing daily and prize money in seven dancing divisions.

A Coed Softball Tourney will take place across from the Pow-Wow grounds. Weogufkee (Muddy Waters) tribal town will host it's second year of the tournament. Entry fee is $65 and the deadline is September 1. First, second and third places, first and second individual and sportsmanship will be awarded.

The public is invited to attend the festivities. There will be plenty of food and items will be raffled during the day and also at night. Visitors can bring lawn chairs. For more information call 918/689-2976 about the Pow wow and 918/689-9414 or 689-9570 for information about the softball tournament.

The Mvskoke Chapter of the Vietnam Era Veterans Inter-tribal Association will carry the colors for the Eufaula Indian Community Second Annual Labor Day Pow-wow Parade of Dancers Labor Day Weekend.

The Eufaula Indian Community will sell souvenir program books during the Labor Day Pow-Wow.

CHR Conference set in Oklahoma City

The Third Annual Oklahoma Community Health Representative Conference has set the theme of their conference- "Healthy Indian People-Our Heritage." The conference is scheduled for September fourteenth through sixteenth at the Lincoln Plaza Hotel and Conference Center in Oklahoma City.

The Conference is sponsored by the Oklahoma City Indian Health Service, and Health, Urban and Community Programs at the University of Oklahoma.

The Conference objectives are to provide training in community health education, to recognize outstanding achievement of Oklahoma's CHR's and other individuals, and to share and learn new ideas in health education and health promotion. A major component of the conference will be activities addressing a healthy lifestyle. Fitness assessments and a Health Fair will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 13th and 14th. In addition, health/fitness activities will be held throughout the conference. Billy Mills, the keynote speaker, will also lead a fun walk/run.

Dean McManus, Conference Co-coordinator, stated "Our heritage has always been a strong mind, body, and spirit. Unfortunately, many of us have forgotten much of this. We have planned several activities and workshops that will address a healthy lifestyle that was a part of our Indian heritage."

The registration cost for attending the conference is $55. For more information, contact Dean McManus, Human Services, Chickasaw Nation, PO Box 1548, Ada, OK 74820.

AAIA offers fellowships to Indian graduates-

The Association on American Indian Affairs (AAIA) will accept applications from July 1, through September 16, 1988, for the Sequoyah Fellowship Program for American Indian and Alaskan Native Graduate students.

The Fellowship provides a one-year, $1,500 unrestricted stipend paid in two equal installments. Over the past several years, the Association has awarded Sequoyah Fellowships to American Indians and Alaskan Natives pursuing graduate degrees in such diverse fields as anthropology, microbiology, education, law, mechanical engineering, psycholgy and business administration at universities throughout the United States.

To be considered for a Fellowship, a graduate student must be an enrolled member of an American Indian tribe or Alaskan Native Cooperation to apply, the student should provide the Association with the following: *(1. A biography describing his/her background; tribal affiliation and a certificate showing tribal membership; university; year; and subject of study; career goals; interests; and financial situation (2. Two letters of recommendation- Social Security Number (3. The name, address, and phone number of the financial aid officer at the university the student attends.*

Applications should be directed to: ***Sequoyah Fellowship Program, Scholarship Coordinator, Association on American Indian Affairs, 95 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10016.*** The selection of the 1988-89 Sequoyah Fellows will be announced by the Association beginning October 1, 1988.

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decided to cooperate fully in our efforts to locate any American troops who may still be in Vietnam."

While the two sides continue to negotiate for the remains and information about Americans alive and missing in Vietnam, veterans are fighting here in the states for benefits and services.

In July, the VA Medical Center in Muskogee, experienced a staff shortage because the Oklahoma University Tulsa Medical College was unable to recruit licensed resident physicians. The Tulsa Medical College had planned to assign its resident physicians to hospitals in Tulsa.

The residents provided 85-90 percent of inpatient care, staffed the emergency room and worked in outpatient clinics.

The VA in Washington, D.C. accepted an arrangement made by the medical college that will supply two senior residents in internal medicine, along with five residents from Oral Roberts University in Tulsa for the remainder of this year.

According to Loriee Skelton, Public Affairs Officer for the VA Regional Medical Center, the agreement is welcome. "We had to reschedule about 500 appointments. "The money is appropriated and everything is moving along well. I believe we can resume providing full services very soon."

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CN Executive Director responds to Council's Request for Retraction:

In a recent meeting among tribal leaders a retraction was requested concerning an article which appeared in the May, 1988 issue of the *Muscogee Nation News*.

As a tribal government, all issues involving the government operations are open to differences of opinion and political debate.

These differences of opinions and political debates were alive and well in April and early May, when funding for the Creek Nation Festival and Rodeo was a pressing issue. Action on the issues was summarized in the *Muscogee Nation News* in an article entitled "Legislative Overview". The article was created by a staff writer and edited by the managing editor.

The statement in question appeared at the end of a report which covered an unsuccessful override of a VETO by the Principal Chief and the failure of an amendment to establish guidelines for the festival committee to be passed by the National Council. The closing statement was "The result of this action has denied funding for the upcoming Creek Nation Festival".

After the May issue was finalized, differences were resolved between the National Council and the Office of the Principal Chief and funds were appropriated by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation on May 12, 1988 for the festival and rodeo. The ordinance was approved by the Principal Chief the following day.

The reporting of the political process was not intended to be negative towards the National Council or the Principal Chief.

The facts in this instance prove to be positive. Sensitive issues between branches of government can be resolved in the best interest of the people. This is the democratic process. It is in this spirit that the statement in question is retracted.

CN Community Health Representatives attend innovative "Touch for Health" demonstration

By Kathryn Bell

The Creek Nation Community Health Representatives (CHR) program had a unique approach to better health demonstrated to them recently at the request of Jimmy Hill, CN Health Education Specialist.

The system, "Touch for Health" was demonstrated by Terry Newell, a certified "Touch for Health" instructor from Shawnee. "Touch for Health" is a practical guide to natural health using acupuncture touch and massage to improve postural balance and reduce physical, mental pain and tension. The system brings the body into harmonious balance by restoring natural energy.

"What we teach in our presentations is how to put the body back into balance, through muscle testing and a system of applied kinesiology. With this "touch for health" we can put our bodies back in balance and they will function properly," said Newell.

The system, holistic in approach, was well received by the CHR program- "I believe this is a system that our CHR's could effectively use through the simple techniques involved to better help their patients, particularly those with heart disease, hypertension and diabetic patients-especially with "Touch for Health"'s emphasis on tension and stress reduction, which complicate other diseases of our patients," said Jimmy Hill about the system's benefit to the CHR program.

The basis for "Touch for Health" is muscle balance, which Newell says is the key to the health of the whole person.

Muscle testing techniques are used which are designed to give specific information about muscle weakness, nutritional deficiencies, allergies, mental blocks, acupuncture meridian flow. Through this testing, minor imbalances in the body can be checked before they become a major medical problem, said Newell.

Once the weakness in the muscles can be found, these muscles can be stroked and strengthened with corresponding release of tension or pain.

Plans are being made to set up another "Touch for Health" class soon at the CN Complex, according to Hill, who said that anyone interested in the class could contact him at CN Community Health Service, 918-756-8700, ext. 232.

Creek Nation Legislative Overview

By Jim Wolfe

The Muscogee (Creek) National Council approved three bills and returned two others to committee at the Quarterly Session July 30.

The Council appropriated $40,970 from the Bingo Revenue accounts to purchase two new school buses for the tribe's Head Start program. The tribe's present bus fleet has required constant repair because of age, high mileage and wear. The buses are to arrive before classes begin August 22.

A bill reserving the receipts of funds from the Bureau of Indian Affairs Individual Indian Money (IIM) accounts will be sent to the Chief's office. More than $280,000 was forwarded to tribe by the Bureau. The BIA requested that an ordinance authorizing the tribal government to hold the funds be written.

Second Speaker Frank Kamp (McIntosh District) amended the ordinance that authorized the Chief to request from the BIA an accounting of the source of revenue from each IIM account. The bill, as amended, passed. All the money received from the Bureau will be placed in interest bearing accounts held by the Creek Nation.

Authority to enter contracts with the federal government for Fiscal Year 1989 was given to the Principal Chief. Federal, state and other contracts are necessary for services and programs to be delivered to Indians within the Creek Nation. The new fiscal year begins October 1.

A bill that would create a management board for the tribe's hospital and clinics along with a bill for repairs and improvements to the Muskogee Indian Community Center have been returned to Council acting as the Committee of the Whole for additional work. The Council will meet as the Committee of the Whole at its August 18 planning session.

A controversial bill that would have relieved Indian Country U.S.A of its management duties for the Creek Nation Tulsa Bingo was repealed by the Council. Representative Jerry Wilson (Tulsa District) sponsored NCA 88-37 and told the Council that he still considered the move a "good bill".

In February of this year, tribal district court judge Patrick Moore declared a default judgement against Indian Country, U.S.A. and ordered the gaming management company to pay the tribe more than $70,000 in damages and fines.

Wilson did acknowledge that several Council members had asked him to withdraw the bill. Many, including Speaker Ken Childers, feared that Indian Country would retaliate with layoffs of personnel and a possible closing of the enterprise. Childers told the Council that the tribe and Indian Country, U.S.A. would negotiate a settlement.

The Chief's veto of NCA 88-31 was read. Chief Cox vetoed the legislation that would have the tribe purchase Fashion Craft Industries in Henryetta, claiming that the business was no longer feasible for the tribe.

Kamp then moved that Council action on the veto be placed later the agenda. The motion carried however, Okmulgee district representative Barton Williams moved to recess the Council meeting until the August 18 planning session because a full Council was not assembled. After a discussion of procedures, the motion carried.

In other Council business, quarterly reports were discussed with Chief Cox, tribal executive director Gary Breshears, tribal attorney Sherrin Watkins and gaming commissioner Bill Foster making presentations.

Chief Cox told the Council that the third quarter, May through July 31, had been a productive three months. The Chief also said that his office was again considering a satellite bingo operation.

When asked about his non-compliance with NCA 88-15, NCA 88-22 and NCA 88-23, the Chief said he considered the ordinances unconstitutional and that the matters would have to be settled in the tribal district courts.

Consequently, the Council voted to have the Speaker and each committee chairperson to determine which ordinances are not being complied with and to refer the matter to the district court.

Traditional Oklahoma Indian musicians and instruments makers. . .

The Center for the American Indian and the Folk Arts Program of the State Arts Council of Oklahoma *are seeking musicians--including* singers, dancers, and instrument players--for inclusion in a project celebrating Oklahoma's Native American Music Traditions. These traditions include a wide range of songs and singing activities as well as instrument traditions. We are also seeking musical instruments and their makers for an exhibit at the Center for the American Indian. The project will be from June 1988-January 1989.

Contact: Willie Smyth, State Arts Council, Jim Thorpe Building, Oklahoma City, OK 73105 or call (405) 521-2931.

—NOTICE—

To become enrolled with the Creek Tribe, the following steps are involved in the application process according to the Creek Nation Citizenship Board--

1. You must provide evidence of Creek blood by: a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), verfied by Okmulgee issuing agency, unbroken chain of birth certificates, court approved heirship or a combination of the above.

2. Make application for enrollment which includes ancestry information with the CN Citizenship Board, located at the Creek Nation Complex, telephone 918-756-8700, ex. 224 or write Citizenship Board at P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447.

Becoming enrolled does not automatically qualify you to vote in the tribal elections. To be eligible to vote, you must register with the Creek Nation Election Board and receive a Voter Registration Card.

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Recognized Indian Tribe, APPELLANT
v.
Donald Hodel, Secretary
U.S. Department of Interior

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the District of Columbia
(Civil Action No. 85-028)

L. Susan Work, with whom *M. Leah A. Harjo* and *Sherrin Watkins* were on the brief for appellant.

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Dirk D. Snel, Attorney, Department of Justice, also entered an appearance for appellee.

Before Robinson, Ruth B. Ginsburg and Sentelle, *Circuit Judges.*

Opinion for the Court filed by *Circuit Judge* Sentelle.

Sentelle, *Circuit Judge:* In 1982, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation (hereinafter "Creeks" or "Tribe") passed an ordinance authorizing the Creek Tribal Court to enforce civil and criminal jurisdiction over Tribal members and subsequently sought funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) for the Tribal Court and law enforcement program. The BIA, and thereafter the Department of the Interior (Interior), denied the request for funds, maintaining that the Tribe had no power to establish Tribal Courts with civil and criminal jursidiction. The District Court agreed. *Muscogee (Creek) Nation v. Hodel,* 70 F. Supp. 434 (DDC 1987). We reverse.

Background

In the 1830's, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation was forcibly removed from the Southwestern United States to land in what is now Oklahoma. The Creek Nation was granted the new land in fee simple with the right to perpetual self-government were reaffirmed. Treaty of June 4, 1866, 14 Stat.785

In 1867, the Creeks established a written constitutional form of government which included a separation of powers into executive, legislative and judicial branches. Tribal district courts tried all criminal cases and minor civil cases involving Creek citizens, and a Tribal Supreme Court tried all civil cases involving an amount in controversy in excess of one hundred dollars. *Harjo v. Kleppe,* 420 F. Supp. 1110, 1120 (D.D.C.197) *aff'd sub nom. Harjo v. Andrus,* 581 F.2d 949 (D.C. Cir. 1978).

In 1887, Congress passed the General Allotment Act of February 8, 1887, ch. 119, 24 Stat. 388 (codified as amended at 25 U.S.C. s.331 *et seq.* (1983), which provided that lands held in trust for the Indians by the United States would be divided up parcels given to individual Indians in fee simple. White settlers could obtain surplus parcels. Allotment was justified as a means of accomplishing the then current policy of assimilation. Felix S. Cohen, Handbook of Federal Indian Law 128 (1982 ed). The Creek's land, as well as that of the Choctaw, Cherokee[1], Chickasaw and Seminole tribes[2] was excluded from the General Allotment Act because those tribes held their land in fee simple. Therefore, those tribes had to *agree* to allotment. *See Woodward v. DeGraffenried,* 238 U.S. 284, 294 (1915).

In 1893, Congress created the Dawes Commission and empowered it to negotiate allotment agreements with the Five Civilized Tribes, including the Creeks. Act of March 3, 1893,ch.209, 627 Stat.612,645. However, over the next several years the Commission was unable to negotiate agreements with any of the Five Tribes. As a result, in 1897, Congress added several provisions to the Indian Department Appropriations Act designed to coerce the tribes to negotiate with the Commission. Act of June 7, 1897,ch.3, 30 Stat. 2. The 1897 Act required that, after January 1, 1898, all laws passed by the councils of the Five Tribes would be subject to Presidential veto except resolutions for adjournament or acts relating to negotiations with the Dawes Commission. It also extended jurisdiction of the federal courts in Indian Territory to Five Tribes members, but provided that any agreement between the Dawes Commission and one of the tribes would suspend conflicting provisions of the Act as to the agreeing tribe.

The Creeks (as well as other tribes) nevertheless resisted. When it became apparent that the Creeks, Choctaws, Chickasaws and Cherokees[3] would not cooperate, Congress passed the Curtis Act. Act of June 28, 1898, ch. 517, 30 Stat. 495. That Act provided for forced allotment and termination of tribal land ownership without tribal consent unless the tribe agreed to allotment. It also made tribal laws unenforceable in the United States Court in Indian Territory. More importantly for our purposes, the Act purported to abolish all tribal courts in Indian Territory, effective July 1, 1898 for most tribes, but effective October 1, 1898 for the Chickasaw, Choctaw and Creek Tribes[4]. The Curtis Act also incorporated tenative agreements would supersede any inconsistent provisions of the Curtis Act if ratified by the tribes by October 1, 1898. Each tenative agreement preserved tribal courts and conferred only limited jurisdiction on the federal courts.

However, the final agreement with the Creeks (and Cherokees) unlike those of the Chickasaws and Choctaws, did not preserve the Tribal Courts. In fact, the Creek Agreement specifically stated that nothing in the agreement would be construed as reviving the Creek Tribal Courts which had been abolished by former acts of Congress. It also provided for the termination of the entire Creek government by March 4, 1906. Act of March 1, 1901, ch. 676, 31 Stat. 861. Difficulty in completing tribal rolls and resistance to allotment prevented the demise of the government and on April 2-,1906 , Congress extended indefinately the existence and government of each of the Five Tribes Act of April 2 1906, 34 Stat. 137. This Court has specifically held thata the Creek government persisted. *Harjo v. Andrus,* 581, F.2d949,951 (D.C. Cir., 1978).

In 1934, Congress passed the Indian Reorganization Act (IRA), Act of June 18, 1934, 48 Stat 984 (codified as amended at 25 U.S.C. s.461 *et seq.* (1983), which provided for self-government pursuant to constitutions and permitted the tribes to organize for economic purposes pursuant to corporate charters. Certain tribes, primarily those in Oklahoma and including the Creeks, were excluded from six of the provisions of the IRA including the sections dealing with self-government and corporate charters. The legislative history reflects that one reason for the exclusion was that the tribes had made progress toward assimiliation and it was thought best not to encourage return to reservations[5]. The need for similar legislation for the Oklahoma tribes was to be explored further, 78 Con. Rec. 1112- (1934); *See also A Bill to Promote the General Welfare of the Indians of the State of Oklahoma and for Other Purposes: Hearings on S. 2047 Before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs 74th Cong., 1st Sess. 9.*

Two years later, Congress passed the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act (OIWA). Act of June 2, 193, 49 Stat. 197 (codified at 25 U.S.C. s. 501 et seq. (1983)). That Act, like the IRA, provided for constitutional governments and corporate charters. However, the language used in the self-government provision of the OIWA differed from that of the IRA.

In 1979, the Tribe, pursuant to the OIWA, adopted a constitution providing for three separate branches of government, including a judiciary. In 1982, the Tribe passed an ordinance allowing Tribal Courts to enforce criminal and civil jurisdiction over Tribal members and subsequently sought funding from the BIA for the Tribal Courts and a law enforcement program. The BIA and Interior denied the request based on the Curtis Act's purported abolition of Tribal Courts together with the failure of the subsequent Creek Agreement or the IOWA to revive them. That denial precipitated this action. On cross-motions for summary judgement, the District Court ruled in favor of the Interior and the Tribe has appealed.

Analysis

Abolition of the Tribal Courts

The Tribe first argues that the Curtis Act did not abolish Tribal Courts. Rather, it contends that the Curtis Act was designed only to force allotment and that Congressional intent to abrogate earlier treaties was not expressed with sufficient clarity. However, in our view, the Curtis Act unequivocally abolished the courts. That Act provided that, as of October 1, 1898 for the Creeks, "all tribal courts in Indian Territory shall be abolished, and no officer of said courts shall thereafter have any authority whatever to do or perform any act theretofore authorized by any law in connection with said courts. . ." Act of June 28, 1898, 30 Stat. 495 s.28. The subsequent agreement with the Creeks specifically provided that the agreement would not be construed as reviving the Tribal Courts: "Nothing contained in this agreement shall be construed to revive or reestablish the Creek courts which have been abolished by former Acts of Congress." Act of March1, 1901, 31 Stat, 47. It also contained a provision that it would have no effect on treaty provisions except insofar as it was inconsistent with the treaty provisions. *Id.* at 44.

The Tribe contends that the language abolishing Tribal Courts is without effect because it conflicts with an earlier treaty and a treaty cannot be abrogated by implication. Cook v. United States, 288 U.S. 102 (1933). That statement of law is unquestionably correct. "'(T)he intention to abrogate or modify a treaty is not to be lightly imputed to the Congress.'" *Menominee Tribe v. United States,* 391 U.S. 404, 413, (19-8) (quoting *Pigeon River Co. v. Cox Co.,* 291 U.S. 138, 1-0 (1934)). However, the abolition of the Tribal Courts was unambiguous. The language of both the Curtis Act and the Creek Agreement clearly have expressed the intent to abrogate the power to have Tribal Courts inherent in the Tribe's power of self-government expressly reserved by earlier treaties. In addition, the Courts were not revived by the Act of April 26, 1906, 84 Stat. 137, which extended indefinitely the Creek Tribal government. That Act, by its own terms, extended only the "present" Tribal government. The Curtis Act and the Creek Agreement expressly stripped the Tribe of the power to have courts and, therefore, that power was not a part of the "present" Tribal government. However, that does not end our inquiry.

Effect of the OIWA

The tribe also argues that even if the courts were abolished by the Curtis Act and the subsequent agreement, the OIWA repeals the earlier legislation and revives the Tribe's power to establish courts. The crux of this issue is the meaning and effect of s503 of the OIWA together with the general re-

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[1] *All references to the "Cherokee" tribe are to the Western of Oklahoma Cherokees.*

[2] *These tribes are known collectively as the Five civilized Tribes because of their adaptability in developing institutions comparable in many respects to the European models. V. Deloria, Jr. and C. Lytle, American Indians, American Justice 8-87 (1983).*

[3] *The Dawes Commission reached an agreement with the Seminoles.*

[4] *We are advised by the parties that the Cherokees had refused to negotiate even a tentative agreement.*

[5] *Senator Thomas of Oklahoma was also concerned that the IRA would reduce Oklahoma's tax revenue. 78 Cong. Rec. 1112 (1934).*

OPINION continued. . .

pealer clause. Section 503 provides: *Any recognized tribe or band of Indians residing in Oklahoma shall have the right to organize for its common welfare and to adopt a constitution and bylaws...* 25 U.S.C. s503. The corresponding section of the IRA provides: *Any Indian tribe...shall have the right to organize for its common welfare, and may adopt an appropriate constitution and bylaws...In addition to all other powers vested in any Indian tribe or tribal council by existing law, the constitution adopted by said tribe shall also vest in such tribe or its tribal council the following rights and powers: to employ legal counsel...; to prevent the sale, disposition, lease, or encumberance of tribal lands, interests in lands or other tribal assets without the consent of the tribe; and to negotiate with the Federal, State and local Governments.* 25 U.S.C. s476

The Interior would have this Court read into the language of s503 of the OIWA the same limitations *expressed* in the corresponding section of the IRA. In other words, Interior would like us to read s503 as limiting the powers of the Oklahoma tribes to those powers vested by existing law (plus certain powers enumerated in the IRA). The District Court did so, stating that it would be anomalous to hold that the OIWA conveyed greater powers of self-government to the Oklahoma tribes than the IRA conveyed to other tribes. [7]

The IRA and the OIWA address the same subject, albeit for different tribes, and were enacted just two years apart. It is contrary to common sense as well as sound statutory construction to read the later, more general language to incorporate the precise limitations of the earlier statute. Where the words of a later statute differ from those of a previous one on the same or related subject, the Congress must have intended them to have a different meaning. *Klein v. Republic Steel Corp.,* 435 F.2d 762, 765-66 (3rd Cir. 1970). If Congress had intended the tribal government provision to be identical to that in the IRA, it could have included a direct reference to the IRA in that provision as it did in the corporate charter provision. Indeed, Congress could have simply repealed the provisions of the IRA which exempted the Oklahoma tribes. It did neither. Therefore it is necessary to examine the OIWA standing alone to determine if it repealed the abolition of the Creek Tribal Courts.

The OIWA clearly does not *expressly* repeal the abolition of the Tribal Courts. It contains no reference to the Curtis Act or the related legislation. It does, however, unlike the IRA, contain a general repealer clause. Act of June 26, 1936, 49 Stat. 1967, s9 (codified at 25 U.S.C. s509 (1983)). Therefore, any repeal would be by implication. Generally, repeal by implication is not favored. *See e.g., United States v. Borden Co.,* 308 U.S. 188, 198 (1939). Under that general rule, statutes are repealed by a general repealer clause only if they conflict. *Kremer v. Chemical Construction Co.,* 456 U.S. 461, 469 (1982) However, the standard principles of statutory construction do not have their usual force in cases involving Indian law. *Montana v. Blackfeet Tribe,* 471 U.S. 759, 766 (1985). In that case, Congress passed a statute dealing with mining leases on Indian land, The Act contained no reference to taxation of royalties by the states and contained only a general repealer clause. An earlier statute had permitted taxation of the royalties by the states. Montana made the same argument Interior makes here - since the two statutes did not directly conflict, the provision allowing taxation had not been repealed and was therefore applicable to leases executed under the subsequent Act. The Court focused on two rules of statutory construction applicable in Indian law cases. First, it discussed the rule providing that states may tax Indians only where Congress has clearly manifested its consent to such taxation. The Court held that the statute did not meet this requirement. More importantly, the Court in *Blackfeet* went on to hold that the State's interpretation would not satisfy the rule *requiring statutes to be construed liberally in favor of the Indians.* The Court did not rest its holding on the repeal of the 1924 Act. Rather, it held that the taxation provision of the 1924 Act could not be implicitly incorporated into the 1938 Act and was therefore inapplicable to leases executed under the 1938 Act (although it remained in effect for leases executed under the 1924 Act).

Nevertheless, the Court's reasoning is instructive as to the application of the varying and conflicting rules of statutory construction. "(I)n (Interior's) view, sound principles of statutory construction lead to the conclusion that (the Curtis Act was not repealed by the OIWA). (Interior) fails to appreciate, however, that the standard principles of statutory construction do not have their usual force in cases involving Indian law...'(T)he canons of constuction applicable in Indian law are rooted in the unique trust relationship between the United States and the Indians.'...(S)tatutes are to be construed liberally in favor of the Indians, with ambiguous provisions interpreted to their benefit." *Id.* at 766(citations omitted). If there is any ambiguity as to the inconsistency and/or repeal of the Curtis Act, the OIWA *must* be construed in favor of the Indians, i.e., as repealing the Curtis Act and permitting the establishment of Tribal Courts. The result, then, is that if the OIWA can reasonably be construed as the Tribe would have it construed, it *must* be construed that way.

The OIWA confers the power to adopt a constitution. Black's Law Dictionary defines constitution as:

> The organic and fundamental law of a nation or state, which may be written or unwritten, establishing the character and conception of its government, laying basic principles to which its internal life is to be conformed, organizing the government, and regulating, distributing and limiting the functions of its different departments, and prescribing the extent and manner of sovereign powers.

Black's Law Dictionary 282 (5th ed. 1979). The Regulations designed to implement both the IRA and the OIWA define constitution as follows:

> "Constitution" or "Constitution and Bylaws" means the written organizational framework of any tribe reorganized pursuant to a Federal statute for the *exercise of governmental powers.*"

25 C.F.R. s 81.1 (g) (emphasis added).

Both definitions certainly encompass the power to create courts with general civil and criminal jurisdiction. The United States Constitution contains such powers and has undoubtedly been used as a model for tribal constitutions. Constitutions are vehicles for self-government. Inherent in self-government is the power to make laws and create mechanisms to enforce them. *See United States v. Wheeler,* 435 U.S. 313, 320 (1978). It is therefore reasonable to conclude that the OIWA conferred all powers associated with self-government, limited of course by statutes of *general* applicability.

In addition, if a later act covers the whole subject of an earlier one and is clearly intended as a substitute, it will operate to repeal the earlier act. *Kremer,* 456 U.S. at 469. The OIWA was passed to "reorganize" the Oklahoma tribes. It did away with allotment and included a provision for establishing a tribal government. It appears to cover the "whole subject" of the earlier legislation. It would be absurd to hold that isolated portions of the Curtis Act and the Creek Agreement survive even though the statutory context in which they appeared - allotment and assimilation - has been stripped away by the OIWA.

The legislative history is scant. At the hearings, nothing was said about the tribal government section of the OIWA. There were some general statements describing the ACT as the "clarification and equalization of the legal status" of the Oklahoma tribes. *See A Bill to Promote the General Welfare of the Indians of the State of Oklahoma and for Other Purposes: Hearings on S 2047 Before the Senate Committee of Indian Affairs,* 74th Cong., 1st Sess.8. That indicates an intent that all of the Oklahoma tribes were to have the same legal status. An interpretation of the OIWA that permitted some Oklahoma tribes to have courts but not others would not comport with that intent.

Senator Elmer Thomas, chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, Chairman of the Subcommittee on the OIWA and the same Senator Thomas who had promoted exempting the Oklahoma Tribes from the IRA made the following statement at the beginning of the hearings on the OIWA.

> *Having so many tribes, the policy in the past has been to legislate for each tribe individually. As a result, we have numerous laws on the statute books that apply only to Oklahoma Indians, and no one law will apply to more than one tribe as a rule. I do not believe that to be the best policy personally, (sic) I believe that a broad policy should be adopted, and then where necessary, provide special legislation to take care of any particular item that may arise.*

A Bill to Promote the General Welfare of the Indians of the State of Oklahoma and for Other Purposes: Hearings on S. 2047 Before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, 74th Cong., 1st Sess. 10. That statement certainly indicates an intent that the piecemeal legislation, i.e., those statutes applicable to only one or a few tribes, be done away with and a uniform law passed. Reading the OIWA as Interior would have it read would result in a perpetuation of the piecemeal legislation rather than its elimination. The very existence of the Curtis Act conflicts with the purpose of eliminating piecemeal legislation.

The Interior points to some statements in the legislative history which purportedly indicate that the OIWA was intended to confer the same powers on the Oklahoma tribes conferred on other tribes by the IRA. In other words, Interior contends that the OIWA was intended to be "identical" to the IRA and therefore limit the tribes powers to those vested by existing law. Indeed the legislative history states that the OIWA would "permit the Indians of Oklahoma to exercise substantially the same rights and privileges as those granted to Indians outside of Oklahoma by the (IRA)." H.R. Rep. No. 2408, 74th Cong., 2nd Sess. 3 (1936). could easily be read as expressing the intent that the Oklahoma Indians have the same powers as all the other tribes, regardless of the source of those powers. If the intent of the OIWA was to give the Oklahoma tribes the same powers of self-government *exercised* by the IRA tribes, then the OIWA necessarily repealed the Curtis Act. "(T)ribal Courts are important mechanisms for protecting significant tribal interests. Federal pre-emption of a tribe's jurisdiction to punish its own members for infractions of tribal law would detract substantially from tribal self-government. . ." *Wheeler,* 435 U.S. at 332. (footnote omitted).

Although not critical to our decision, the Court is cognizant that, under current law, the State of Oklahoma has no jurisdiction over Indians within the bounds of the Creek "Indian Country"[9]. *State v. Brooks,* No.S856117 (Okla. Crim. App. Nov. 7, 1986

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Interior wants this Court to hold that the OIWA restored no powers to the Creek government-that it simply reaffirmed the existing powers of the Tribe. This interpretation is belied by other court's construction of the OIWA. In Board of Commissioners v. Seber, 318 U.S. 705 (1943), the Supreme Court noted that the Creek Nation has been authorized by the OIWA to "resume" some of its former powers. Id. at 718. In Indian Country, USA v. Oklahoma Tax Commission, 829 F.2d 967, 981 (10th Cir. 1987), cert. denied sub nom. Oklahoma Tax Commission v. Muscogee (Creek) Nation, No. 8761068 (U.S. June 27, 1988), the court noted that Congress had enacted the OIWA to "restore" governmental powers to the Oklahoma Tribes. together with Harjo, which held that the executive and legislative powers of the Creeks had never been lost, these cases support the conclusion that the OIWA "restored" the Creek's judicial powers.

[7] *The District Court also notes that the "corporate charter" provision of the OIWA refers directly to the IRA and uses this to support its determination that the tribal government provision is also identical to the IRA provision. Muscogee (Creek) Nation v. Hodel, 670 F. Supp. 434 (D.D.C. 1987).*

[8] *It is for this reason that, while we have given careful consideration to Interior's interpretation of the OIWA, we do not defer to it.*

Creek film director selected as AIRPA executive director

By Helen Chalakee

Bob Hicks

"Only when Indians are writing, directing and producing films will we see a change come about in Indian stereotyping in the film industry," says Bob Hicks, a Creek tribal member who has the distinction of being the first Indian to graduate from the famed "American Film Institute" in Los Angeles, California.

The Institute is well known as an independent teaching and learning center, as opposed to university studies. Hicks said the Institute is the only school in the United States that concentrates on the art of filmmaking. Hicks said although he was the first Indian to graduate, there were three altogether who have attended the Institute, another also being a Creek, Tom Harjo from Tulsa.

Hicks said he felt very fortunate to have been selected into the Institute. When he applied, there were 700 applicants with only 74 selections, and only 23, of which he was one, who were allowed to study directing. The second year he was invited back as one of six who actually made a movie. His project, "The Turn of the Country", is a classic satire on the government's, and also Hollywood's, stereotyping from an Indian point of view.

After graduating from high school in Okemah, Oklahoma, Hicks attended Haskell Institute. From there, he attended the University of Tulsa, thinking he wanted to be a painter, but found his interests leaning toward broadcast and television production.

In 1975, Hicks directed a play titled "Skins" written by Robby McMurtry and Linda Poolaw. "Skins" was produced by the Tulsa Indian Council on Drug and Alcohol (TICODA). This group of theatre interested Tulsa Indians were the catalysts for organizing the Tulsa-based American Indian Theatre Company which is still in existence. Later, Hicks directed another play for the group titled "The Ecstasy of Rita Jo".

Since March of this year, Hicks has served as the executive director of the American Indian Registry for the Performing Arts (AIRPA). The AIRPA is based in Los Angeles and has recently published a 1988-89 Indian Talent Directory which features members by photographs and lists their tribal affiliation, talent unions or locals, as well as how to contact them individually or through their agents or managers.

The new directory features the late Creek actor Will Sampson on the cover. Sampson was one of the founders of AIRPA. He employed a rigid campaign against Indian stereotyping in films. Not only did he lend his acting talent to Indian parts, he also served as a consultant, insuring cultural correctness and individual tribal identification be brought to the attention of filmmakers. After Sampson's untimely death last year, Indian actors and actresses and some non-Indian professionals who Sampson influenced, have felt compelled to carry out his work.

AIRPA membership includes actors, actresses, child actors, singers, dancers, and musicians; as well as, writers, directors, producers and technicians. "We have people that can be hired as project consultants, traditional performers, and even make-up artists," Hicks related.

"Hollywood has the conception that Indian's cannot act," he said, "that's why I am taking time-out from my own career for a while to work for the Registry encouraging Indians who may want to work in the film industry and to promote them within the industry itself.

Commenting on two recently completed films depicting Indian lifestyles, Hicks says he is "disappointed", because neither one of the films*Pow-Wow Highway* or *War Party* did not cast Indians in lead roles. He said, "there were a lot of Indians cast, but not as leads."

Pow Wow Highway features 19 American Indians in speaking roles and six-hundred as extras.

War Party, an adventure movie, according to *USA WEEKEND MAGAZINE* cast 5,000 Blackfeet as extras. Three Creek tribal members had parts in *War Party*, Will Sampson's son, Tim Sampson; his nephew, Monty Bass; and Richard Ray Whitman.

Hicks said he had not seen a screening of *War Party*, but was working with its producers to hold a prescreening in conjunction with AIRPA. He did note that he had previewed *Pow Wow Highway* and did not think the movie has much of a future.

Again, Hicks contends that only when Indians are allowed to perform the technical aspects of writing, directing and producing films about Indians, "will a change for the better occur."

According to *USA WEEKEND*, Larry McMurtry's *Lonesome Dove*, an eight-hour miniseries, has 40 Indians. *The Trial of Standing Bear*, due on PBS this fall has cast most of the parts to American Indians, as well as some of the production crew.

The *WEEKEND* article quotes *Lonesome Dove* executive director, Bill Wittliff, "We made a real effort to cast Indians. . .but most Indians who lost roles couldn't handle the demanding horse riding."

The article also quotes Indian actor E. Claude Richards, who guest-starred on *Miami Vice* last season, "They hire an Indian as a guide or a guard, but nothing portraying the family tree or what an Indian is about."

Richards said when he first moved to California in 1950, "They would not cast me as an Indian. I did other characters- Mexican, Italian, Hawaiian, Japanese, Chinese."

J. Reuben Silverbird (Navajo and Apache), who was on the ABC soap *One Life to Live*, adds, "We cant't play all the parts. We're not Irish-looking!"

Hicks related some of his priorities concerning his work with AIRPA as getting proper information out to the Indian professionals. He is attempting this with a newsletter and is in the process of coordinating a two-day seminar, "How to Create a Film Commission", which is geared toward tribes and things they should know when approached by filmmakers.

Tribes who have already responded will soon receive an information packet encouraging them to prepare a portfolio of information about their tribal lands including: color photo of outstanding views, landscapes or waterfalls, a written description of regional geographic characteristics, a chart covering typical weather descriptions during the course of a year, a report on how close they are to airports, a list of names and rates of nearby hotels and restaurants, dos and don'ts that will help educate film crews regarding reservation laws, as well as explaining what might be considered offensive behaviour, availability of local people willing to participate in background of film as extras (not for fee).

Hicks says, "As long as the representatives of the tribes involved will be making a trip to Hollywood, they might as well be ready to show people here what they have to offer and drum up a little business in advance if possible."

He said people in the film industry will be asked to speak and offer insight and advise based on their experience with location filming.

Qualified professionals interested in taking part in this seminar should contact Hicks at the AIRPA office by phone at 213/851-9874.

For your information:

When you arrive in Hollywood-

-Reprint from AIRPA Newsletter, August, 1988 Issue

Once you have arrived in Hollywood and you've found yourself a place to live, gotten a job and your car is in good shape so you can get to interviews on time, here are a few things you might want to consider investigating. ***Drama-Louge*** *is a casting newspaper sold a local newstands for $1.50. There is a section that lists* ***union and non-union jobs*** *that are open for* ***casting*** *for film, television and commercials. There are also listings for musicians, composers, dancers, writers, and technicians. It also contains advertisments for* ***classes*** *in various acting techniques and lists* ***photographers*** *who specialize in the standard 8x10 black and white head shot necessary for all professional performing artists. Outside of the Los Angeles area Drama-Louge costs $2.00 per issue, if you wish to subscribe you can save on the cost For a subscription order write:* ***Drama-Louge, P.O. Box 38771, Los Angeles, California 90038-0771.***

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. What is meant by different acting "techniques"? ***A:*** First, the basics of the craft of acting must be studied, then if you continue to learn and practice your craft, you will develop the skill of an acting "technique". This "technique" will be very personal and probably a combination of a lot of defferent techniques various teachers preach. . .The "art" of acting comes after the "technique" has been absorbed and is no longer necessary because the actor now trusts his instincts and allows his talent to flow. Different "techniques" are simply different disciplines teachers try to convey to their students. Learn as many as you have the desire to explore and then use only what works for you.

Q: How do I find a good acting teacher? ***A:*** It is very, very important to make sure you are studying with a teacher who will help you grow as a person and develop as an actor. Beware of bitter, angry people who did not succeed in their careers as professional actors and who are trying to make a living by teaching. You will be able to tell right away by how you are treated, the way you are made to feel about yourself...good teachers respect actors. Ask friends or actors you admire who they study with and then ask if you can "audit" or "sit in on a class" to see if its what you are looking for...***really good teachers can be very expensive, but there are teachers around who charge less and give more of themselves because they enjoy what they do. NEVER STAY IN A CLASS YOU FEEL MAY BE DAMAGING TO YOUR TO YOUR SELF—ESTEEM OR TALENT.***

Q: What does writing a script "on spec" mean? ***A:*** "On spec" means on speculation. If you write a script on your own time without being paid, hoping that you or you agent may be able to sell it, you are writing "on spec". Its a gamble, but you may win.

Q: Is it a good idea to write a movie script "on spec"? ***A:*** If you are not an established screen writer it would be almost essential for you to write one for a couple of reasons: ***first,*** to see if you like writing in that form; ***second,*** so you will have a sample of your work to prove you are capable of writing one (you may not sell it, but it may get you an agent); ***third,*** you might sell it or get other work because of it.

For a membership application into the American Indian Registry for the Performing Arts contact AIRPA, 3330 Barhan Blvd. 208, Los Angeles, CA 90008. The following information will be needed: A copy of proof of tribal affiliation, a professional resume or curriculum vitae and three black and white photographs of your face not full or 3/4 body shots. No polaroids or machine shots. It must be in sharp focus and not too dark or it will not copy well and not appear in the directory. When you return the application, it is required to send a $35 check or money order for each listing made payable to the American Indian Registry.

Births. . .

Levón Daniel Factor

Levon Daniel Factor was born June 20 at Okmulgee Memorial Hospital. Parents are; Lisa and Edward Factor of Okmulgee; maternal grandparents are Jessina Torres, Dallas, and Dean Tiger, Okmulgee; paternal grandparents are Sam Factor and Roberta Sugar, Okmulgee.

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see also Indian Country, USA v. Oklahoma Tax Commission, 829 F.2nd 967 (U.S. June 27, 1988). Nor do the federal courts have jurisdiction over minor Indian on Indian crime within Indian Country.[10]

"When there is a crime by an Indian against another Indian within Indian Country, only those offenses enumerated in the Major Crimes Act (18 U.S.C. s1 153) may be tried in federal courts." *United States v. Welch,* 822 F.2nd 460,464 (4th Cir. 1987) (citing *United States v. Antelope,* 430 U.S. 41 (1977)). To construe the OIWA as the Interior wants us to could result (until some change in law) in a jurisdictional "no man's land".

The District Court aptly noted that this issue is not free from doubt. The legislative history is not clear and the language of s503 can easily be construed as permitting the establishment of Tribal Courts. For this very reason, this Court must construe the OIWA and that therefore the Muscogee (Creek) Nation has the power to establish Tribal Courts with civil and criminal jurisdiction, subject, of course, to the limitations imposed by statutes generally applicable to *all tribes.*[11]

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[8] *"Indian Country" is defined in U.S.C. s.1,151*

[10] *There is one narrow exception to this general rule. Where an Indian defendant has been charged with one of the crimes enumerated in the Major Crimes Act, 18 U.S.C. s1, 153, he is entitled to an instruction on lesser included offense. If convicted of a lesser included offense, the conviction is a valid one. Keeble v. United States, 412 U.S. 205 (1973); United States v. John, 587 F.2d 683 (5th Cir. 1979)*

[11] *Because this Court has determined that the provision of the Curtis Act has been repealed by the OIWA, it is unnecessary for us to reach the Tribe's argument that the Curtis Act was a Bill of Attainder.*

Kristina Rae Thomas

Thomas baby celebrates first birthday. . .

Kristina Rae Thomas, daughter of Johnny "Ray" and Judy Thomas of Okmulgee celebrated her first birthday on July 28. Kristina is the maternal granddaughter of Benjamin and Christina Harjo, and paternal granddaughter of Hattie Birdcreek. She is the paternal great-granddaughter of Ella Taylor, all from Henryetta.

Col. Robison Annual Family Reunion Held

Descendants of Col. William Robison held their annual reunion July 2 at Thlopthlocco tribal complex near Okemah.

Ben Birdcreek, Lawrence, KS served as master of ceremonies for the occasion and hosts were officers of the family gatherings, Emma Lou Duncan and Elizabeth Rickey, both of Okemah. Elected for the next two years are Jessie Robison and Betsy Proctor, both of Wetumka.

Homage was paid to family members who died during the past year. They were; Pearlie Scott, Ethel Mae Torres, John Edmensten and Arthur Scott.

Gifts were given for the youngest family member present, the oldest, the most family members present and the one who traveled the longest distance. Gary Robison was the youngest member present; Susie Foster, 91, Okemah, the only surviving granddaughter of the Col., was the oldest family member; and Bernice Hudgins of Morganton, NC, traveled the longest distance.

Winners of the most family members present and the horseshoe contest were unavailable.

Surviving granddaughters-in-law of Col. Robison are Lizzie Robison, Jessie Robison, Ruth Robison and Marie Robison.

Others attending the reunion were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Robison and Jodi, William and Mildred Robison, Thomas and Lila Robison, Rufus and Phyllis Robison, B.C. and Bettye Robison and family, Barney and Given Robison and son, Lynn, Mr. anc Mrs. Bryan Kissinger, all of Paden.

Also, Pauline and Rocky Randall, Tom Berryhill, Reni and Jim Ryan, Val Birdcreek, all of Henryetta; Ben Birdcreek, Ben and Cathey Birdcreek, all of Lawrence, KS, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Robison, Lubbock, TX; Mr. and Mrs.

Letter from Evangelist Ernest Best. . .

"See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is."

Ephesians 5:15-17

A story is told of a lady who lived long ago in a grand mansion located on a high mountain, which could be reached only by a long, winding, dangerous road through the mountains. The time came when the lady needed to hire a coachman to drive her coach up that road. As she interviewed candidates for the job, she questioned them about their experience and abilities. She described to them the long winding road, with its dangerous curves, which had the mountain on one side and a deep precipice on the other side.

One man said, "Oh, I have absolutely no fear of such things. I could race up that road, running within six inches of the edge, and have no fear of losing control or dropping off." Another said he could run within three inches of the edge. A third man said, "Madame, I have great respect for the danger involved in traveling such a road. I would drive as closely to the mountain side as possible in order to deliver you safely to your destination." She hired the one who showed himself to be wise.

Many Christians are a lot like the other drivers. They want to walk as close to the world as possible. Our life style shows how much respect we have for the dangers of worldliness. What we are willing to give up because of our love for the Lord, and as a protest against worldliness will determine how close we are to Him. If we want God's blessings and power on our lives...if we want our prayers answered, then we should examine our lives to see where we are in our Christian walk. Are we living as close to the world as we think we can get away with or are we continually seeking to live a separated life? To what extent shall we devote our lives to Christ?

During the month of June we traveled to the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation where we were in two Vacation Bible Schools, with Jerry, Art, Liz and I teaching and two revivals. We had good services, and some coming for salvation, some for baptism and many for prayer and rededication.

We spent one week in an Indian family camp here in Oklahoma, then traveled on to an Indian family camp in New Mexico where I was camp pastor. There were Navajo, Apache, Pueblo and Hopi tribes represented there. Art and Liz taught and Jerry was a counselor and worked as a safety patrol. We saw many saved, including youth, young adults and an elderly Apache man. Art saw some of the older teens which he taught come to the Lord. One young woman was a well-known Pueblo artist. The elderly man was well known on his reservation as a former alcoholic and for the evil things he had done while under the influence of alcohol. The instant change seen in the man was miraculous. He had expressed his doubts and disagreements very verbally in all the classes and to anyone who would listen. The morning after he was saved, immediately after breakfast in the cafeteria, he took his coat off, hung it on a nail and started sweeping the cafeteria. There was a sweet, quiet spirit about him. He swept up to where Art was sitting, sat down, and told him how the Lord had saved him. Some of the Christians from his reservaton had prayed for him for years.

There was a frybread cooking contest and a watermelon eating contest. A bear was trapped near the camp and brought into the camp in a cage for all to see. The camp was located on a high mountain. The weather was cool. We slept under blankets. We fellowshipped with old friends and met many new ones. We had a wonderful time.

We then went to Flagstaff, Arizona, for a Christian Indian Festival. I was the speaker for the morning and evening services, with others teaching seminars and leading prayer meetings. Many tribes were represented as people came from several states. We have not often seen such a tremendous outpouring of the Holy Spirit as we experienced in those services. Some said they had not seen anything like it in many years. People filled the altars during the invitations.

There are many things too numerous to mention which we would like to share with you, like the woman who rode a horse from her village in the bottom of the Grand Canyon to come to the conference. Another elderly woman and her husband (who could not drive) came to several hundred miles and she spoke to the conference requesting prayer for her people, the Southern Utes, who are unreached with the gospel.

From there, we went to Gallup, New Mexico, and started a revival. Bennie had gone home early because of her critically ill father. I, too, cut the revival short to be able to see him while he was still alive. We praise God we did see some decisions before we left. Bennie's Dad went to be with the Lord July 14th and we had his funeral two days later.

We thank you so much for your prayers. We have experienced possibly some of the greatest meetings this year than since we started in evangelism. It's all to God's glory. Satan has also launced some strong attacks. Please continue to uphold our family in your prayers. We are about to begin our fall tour.

Your Missionaries to the American Indians, Bro. Best & Family

ROBISON REUNION. . .

Mark Autry, Argyle, TX; Camille Gann and children, and Eloise Proctor, all of Wetumka.

And, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Langston and Toney; Jesse and Sinah Birdcreek, all of Weleetka; Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Robison and family, Holdenville; and Carlota Robison and Robert Braver, Prague.

Also, Amos G. Robison, Norman; Rebecca Lindsay, Wewoka; Wanda Weaver, Sapulpa; William (Spokie) Buck, Kellyville; Steve Randall, Shawnee; Mel and Joyce Autry, Thackerville; and Mr. and Mrs. Nolen Robison and family, Coweta.

Mike Hannan, Ada; Ginger Randall, Washington State; Bernice Hudgins, Morganton, NC,; Brenda Albaba, Saudi Arabia ; Nora Cheek, Dorothy Miller, Juanita Clingman, Mary Robison, Cheryl Bartosh and girls, all of Okemah.

OBITUARIES

FRANK ALLEN TIGER

Frank Allen Tiger, 53, died at his home following a lengthly illness. He was born on September 17, 1934 in Wetumka. He was raised and educated in Richmond where he attended Richmond High School and participated in baseball and was on several city leagues.

After high school, Mr. Tiger became a machinist and worked for Crane Hoist in San Leandro. HECO Pacific Manufacturing bought Crane Hoist and he continued to work there until his illness forced him to retire in 1987. He enjoyed fishing and hunting.

He was a member of Loyal Order of Moose No. 550 of San Pablo, Machinist Union Lodge No. 68 and International Association of Machinists in Daly City.

Mr. Tiger is survived by his father, Grover C. Tiger of Napa; his mother Lois Tiger of Napa; two sisters, Louise Snopel of Napa and Deanna Broglio of San Pablo; and two brothers, Eddie of Oklahoma City and Raymond of Napa.

Funeral services were held Monday, July 18, in the Richard Pierce Funeral Service chapel with the Rev. John Mortensen officiating. Interment was in the Tulocay Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to Hospice of Napa Valley, 3 Woodland Lane, Deer Park 94576 or the American Cancer Society, 1732 Jefferson St. Suite 4, Napa 94558.

SADIE JANE McDANIEL

Sadie Jane McDaniel, 77, of Checotah, died Tuesday, July 5, in a Checotah nursing home after a long illness.

Funeral services were Friday, July 8, at the Smith Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Chester Ward officiating. Interment followed in Greenlawn Cemetery in Checotah under the direction of Smith Funeral Home. Her great-nephews served as casket-bearers.

McDaniel was born January 28, 1911, in Checotah. She was a retired nurse. She was preceded in death by her son, Ralph Hayes, Jr. in 1981.

Survivors include one sister, Wynema Marshall of Roseburg, Oregon; three nephews, Eastman Lee Howell of Grove; Tommy Hayes of Mineola, Texas; Jimmy Hayes of Checotah; three nieces, Bettye Jo Snider of Phoenix, Arizona; Nina Lee Loftice of Checotah; and Elouise Rhyne of Augusta, Kansas.

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CN Negotiates Satellite Bingo

By Jim Wolfe

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation could begin transmitting satellite bingo games from its Tulsa bingo facility as early as November 11 acording to Creek Nation Gaming Commissioner Bill Foster.

An orientation meeting for those involved will be held the week of October 24. Practice games will be held soon after in preparation for the satellite transmission.

The agreement contracted is between the tribe and GAMMA International, Ltd., a Delaware Corporation located in Austin, Texas. Terms of the agreement, negotiated by Principal Chief Claude Cox and approved by the National Council, call for GAMMA to pay a $1,200 annual licensing fee and a $1,000 monthly payment for the use of the Tulsa facility to defray costs associated with the set up and transmission of the games.

Gordon Sjodin, general manager at Creek Nation Tulsa Bingo, says the Tulsa facility was one of several gaming sites competing to host the satellite transmission. The games will be broadcast to other tribal bingo Oklahoma, Minnesota and Florida. Satellite transmission from Tulsa is ideal because of the city's central location.

Initially, only one satellite game will be broadcast nightly. The game will be added to the regular packets that are now being sold. Sjodin said the game will be coverall also known as blackout. If done in 50 numbers or less, the winner will receive $500,000 made in annuity payments. A $10,000 consolation prize will also be available and each participating hall will have a $1,000 nightly winner.

Of the revenue generated from this game, 70 percent will be returned in the form of prize money. 15 percent will be used to meet operating costs including salaries, and the remaining 15 percent will be split between the tribe and Indian Country U.S.A., the gaming management company used by the Creek Nation.

That breakdown is similiar to the present arrangement between the Creek Nation and Indian Country.

"The bottom line is the tribe will certainly benefit from the satellite bingo games," said Sjodin.

Both Foster and Sjodin expect an increased number of participants at the bingo facilities because of the interest generated in the large prizes of the satellite games.

"I anticipate that our attendance will increase," said Foster. "Certainly, the fact that we're the actual transmission site will give us a ten percent increase in our average attendance."

Last year, the Creek Nation Tulsa Bingo hall alone had more than 400,000 participants. Average nightly attendance for the Tulsa facility is around 600. Foster estimated conservatively that additional attendance will be between 60-80 people per night. The satellite transmission will also retain those players who might otherwise travel to other bingo facilities like Otoe Indian bingo in Red Rock.

Since the tribe handles so many players and has based expenses and revenues on a fixed number, the increased number of players means additional profits for the tribe. "I expect added revenue to the tribe to be $1 million per annum," said Foster.

(see BINGO page 2)

Carney Roberts Resigns From National Council-

Carney Roberts, who has served on the Muscogee National Council for the past six years has recently resigned from that position. In a letter of resignation to the council speaker, Roberts states he feels he can no longer spend the time required to fulfill the responsibilities of Okfuskee District Representative.

Roberts has two teenage sons who play football and rodeo, and a young daughter. He said he justs wants to spend more time with his family.

As a result of his resignation, a special election will be held to elect a new representative to fill his vacancy. The primary election has been set for October 29 and will be conducted within the Okfuskee District.

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Creek Election Proclamation

In accordance with the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and the tribal election laws, a vacancy is declared, effective August 31, 1988, in Okfuskee District, Seat B, due to the resignation of Representative Carney Roberts.

To fill the vacancy on the National Council, a Special Election is scheduled as follows:

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September 19-20-21, 1988
(9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)
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October 6, 1988
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October 18, 1988
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October 29, 1988

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REGISTRATION RE-OPENS
November 2, 1988
ABSENTEE REGISTRATION CLOSES
November 10, 1988
PRECINCT REGISTRATION CLOSES
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GENERAL ELECTION
December 3, 1988

IN WITNESS HEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation to be affixed on this 7 day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred eighty-eight.

CLAUDE A. COX
PRINCIPAL CHIEF
MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION

Cora Derrisaw accepts a new U.S. flag from Jack Bevenue *for the Newtown Methodist Church. who is past commander of the Veterans of Foreign Post 1189 in Okmulgee about replacing the. Bevenue asked his post to help and a new all-weather nylon-silk blend flag was delivered.*

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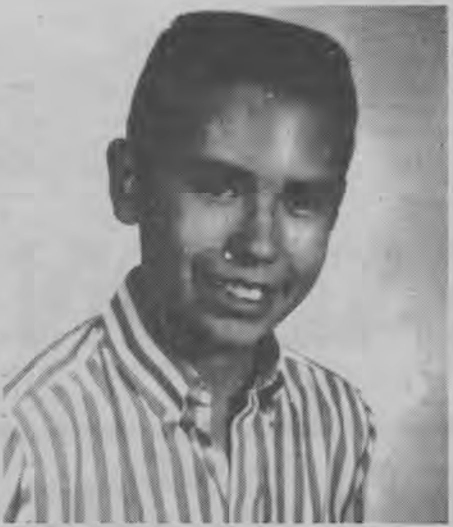

THE STUDENT OF THE MONTH *award at Liberty-Mounds was presented to Negiel Bigpond, Jr., an eighth grader and son of Jan and Negiel Bigpond, Mounds and the grandson of Mrs. Lilly Cox, Okmulgee.*

Revival Meetings—

Okmulgee Indian Baptist

The Okmulgee First Indian Baptist Church will hold fall revival services nightly from September 25 to September 30. Russell Begay is the evangelist and services will begin at 7:30 p.m. A nursery will be provided and families are urged to attend. The church is located at 320 North Mission, west of the OSU Tech campus.

Nuyaka Indian Baptist

The Nuyaka Indian Baptist Church will host a gospel singing Saturday, October 1, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Nuyaka is located 13 and a half miles northeast of Okemah and West of Okmulgee on State Highway 56. Master of Ceremonies for the singing is Spooky Wesley. All singers are welcome to participate.

Family Reunions—

Berryhill Family

The Berryhill family reunion for descendants of Jefferson Berryhill can be arranged for April 1989. For further details, write to Richard Berryhill, Rt. 2 Box 190-1, Tahlequah, OK 74464 or 918/458-0423. Enough replies for the reunion will decide if it is held. Procedures will be published in the MNN again for all concerned.

Anderson Family

The Anderson Family Reunion will be held Saturday, September 24, beginning at noon at the Concharty Indian Methodist Church. For additional information, contact Virginia Bruner at 918/733-2626.

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BINGO continued. . .

The average money spent by a player is more than $43 during a session of games at any given Creek Nation bingo facility.

No one can dispute the impact bingo revenues have on the tribe. For the third quarter of fiscal year 1988, April through June, more than $9.2 million was handled, with the average daily responsibility at $3 million.

For that same period, Tulsa returned $464,218 to the tribe. Okmulgee Bingo, whose profits go directly to the tribe, returned more than $87,000. At present, the Creek Nation has four bingo facilities operating. The other two are located in Eufaula and Bristow. At the August Session of the National Council, funds were approved for the construction of a fifth tribal bingo hall in Checotah.

"I anticipate cigarette taxes and bingo to generate more than $3 million for the tribe in fiscal year 1989," said Foster.

Bingo revenues are used for health services, education, community projects and other tribal operations. It has provided supplemental funding for tribal operations and programs whose budgets were decreased by federal budget cutbacks. The money has allowed the tribe to increase its delivery of services at a time when most other agencies are cutting back.

"Nothing else the tribe has invested in will return 80-90 percent on our investment like bingo," said Foster.

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NIEA sponsors Media Festival, Video contest

A media festival and student video contest is being sponsored by the National Indian Education Association and entries are due by September 30.

The national convention of NIEA is set for November 13-17 at the Tulsa Convention Center in Tulsa. A "screening room" will provide a place for media producers and media users to view and share information about the best in Indian produced media, and encourage the development of creative and technical skills in the use of media production. Award winners will be recognized during the conference.

All entries must be submitted in one-half inch VHS for preview, must have American Indians as the main subject, and pre-selection and final judging will be done by a carefully selected group of educators and media producers representing a range of interests and expertise.

Categories accepted will include Indian produced (profit and non-profit), commercially produced, non-commercial, student produced.

Information about the festival and contest is available from Tom Fields, Media Chair for NIEA '88, c/o OCIE, 9810 E. 42nd Str., Suite 232, Tulsa, Ok 74146 or call 918-665-0595. Entries may be mailed to the same address.

Dr. Frank Mock, Okemah Indian Clinic *pharmacist, was presented the "Americanism Award" by 4th District Commander Leo Lassiter of the Oklahoma American Legion. Mock, a World War II veteran, served in the tank patrol seeing action in North Africa and Italy. Mock says he has been flying the flag ever since he returned from the war as a symbol of his patriotism. Mock and his wife, Deloris, live in Okemah.*

Letter to the Editor,

On behalf of the Oklahoma City Muscogee (Creek) Association (OCMA); I would like to express our appreciation to Creek National Council members, Clyde "Press" Johnson, Robert Buck, Johnson Buck, Helen Chupco, and George Almerigi for their sincere concern for all Creek tribal members. These Council members have supported the efforts of OCMA by their attendance at meetings and activities; which means a lot to tribal members who in the past have felt like stepchildren to their Tribal government.

It is indeed a compliment to Creek Nation and OCMA for other tribes to inquire about the cooperative relations between the Creek tribal government and tribal members residing outside tribal boundaries and the development of tribally funded social welfare services to tribal members; to the extent that other tribes are making efforts to do the same.

As of July 21, 1988, the OCMA has assisted 215 Creek households with services impact to approximately 1,000 individuals. Members of the Creek community which includes Canadian, Logan, Pottawatomie, Cleveland and Oklahoma counties have received and contributed support to the efforts of OCMA and indications are that this trend will continue to grow.

We welcome visits to our program as well as to our monthly membership meetings (first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.) at the Native American Center, 2900 S. Harvey, Oklahoma City, from Council members, CN staff and tribal members.

MVTO, Mae Jackson
OCMA Program Coordinator

CN Legislative Overview

By Jim Wolfe

The Muscogee (Creek) National Council sent 11 ordinances including two dealing with the tribal programs operations and the tribal budget, to the Principal Chief's office for his consideration as a result of business of the August 27 legislative session.

The Council approved NCA 88-41 that authorizes Principal Chief Claude Cox to enter contracts and grants with federal, state and other agencies to provide services to Indians within the Creek Nation for fiscal year 1989. The tribe has contracts with the Department of Interior, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Labor. The fiscal year begins October 1, 1988.

Chief Cox had vetoed similiar legislation earlier because of an amendment that would require the Chief's office to get approval from the National Council before spending indirect cost funds.

The Council also approved NCA 88-46 for tribal operations. This legislation provides funds for the all three branches of tribal government and tribal programs that promote the health, safety, welfare, rights and other needs of the Creek people.

The bill was amended to allow separate accounts for the National Council and the tribal court system.

Chief Cox approved both bills and the tribe will continue to provide services and operate through fiscal year 1989.

In other legislative matters, the Council appropriated $95,698.29 to establish a bingo operation for the Checotah Indian Community. The bill requires the community to give the tribe 60 percent of the net profits and 50 percent of the concession profits.

The Council also provided supplemental funding for the tribe's medical services program, the higher education financial aids program and its own line item budget.

NCA 88-42 will supplement the Medical Aids services program with $10,000. The additional money was necessary to keep the service from shutting down for the remainder of this fiscal year.

NCA 88-49 will take $300,000 from the Bingo revenue accounts and provide funding for 225 students the higher education department had been unable to assist because it lacked the funds. Tribal money will be used to supplement BIA financial awards as well the tribe's higher education, vocational and technical training assistance programs.

The Council also appropriated $40,000 to provide funds for the National Council staff, member costs and operating expenses. Any funds not spent are to be returned to the Bingo Revenue account.

The National Council approved spending $5,550 for the purchase of tax stamps. The tribe is allowed to collect taxes within the boundary of the Creek Nation. According to Creek Nation ordinance all cigarette packages sold through licensed tobacco outlets are to have a tax stamp.The bill is a result of an increased volume of sales of tobacco products through tribal smokeshops.

Two separate bills were vetoed by Chief Cox. NCA 88-47 appropriated $30,000 for the Creek Indian Museum Association of Okmulgee to begin a restoration of the Creek Council House Museum located in Okmulgee. Another $20,000 was appropriated to the CIMA for its Oklahoma Indian Art Market. A total of $50,000 was approved by the Council.

The Chief vetoed the measure however, claiming that the Creek Indian Museum Association is not a chartered or approved organization and that the group is capable of fund raising independent of the tribe.

The other measure vetoed by the Chief was a bill appropriating $20,000 for the Koweta Indian Community Smokeshop to increase its inventory of cigarettes. The measure was vetoed because of the bill's language and confusion over how the $20,000 will be spent.

In non-budget matters, the Council approved the appointment of Abe McIntosh to the tribe's governing board of hospitals and clinics. A full citizen of the Creek Nation, McIntosh's term will expire on July 31, 1992.

The Council adopted a resolution supporting the Washington D.C. Court of Appeals decision in the case of the Creek Nation verse the Secretary of Interior, Donald Hodel. As reported in the August issue of the *MNN*, the D.C. Court ruled in favor of a Creek tribal court system and law enforcement. The resolution asks that no appeal of the D.C. Court's decision be made by the Department of Interior and its sub-agency the BIA.

Since the conclusion of the Aug. 27 regular session, Chief Cox has called two extraordinary sessions. The first session, called on Aug. 31, was for the discussion of the possibility of the tribe hosting satellite bingo games from the Tulsa bingo hall and broadcasting them to twelve other bingo halls across the nation. This latest proposal is with Gamma Inc. and not John Danner.

The Council authorized the Chief to enter into contract negotiations with Gamma, Inc. The Council and the Chief agreed that no contract would be entered into without Council approval.

The second extraordinary session was held September 9. At that meeting, the Chief presented his negotiated contract for the Council approval. After much discussion, the contract was approved by the Council.

The next regular session of the National Council is scheduled for Sept. 24 at the Creek Nation Tribal Complex Mound Building.

Register
VOTE

Pauline Haney, on the right, and Irene Van Buskirk *were elected chairperson and vice chairperson, respectively of the Board of Directors of the Glenpool Creek Indian Community. Other Board members not pictured include Wanda Brese, secretary-treasurer and David Gambler, sargeant-at-arms. Office manager of the community's recently opened office is Bobbie Bible Kennedy.*

Glenpool Community Opens Office

The Glenpool Indian Community has opened an office in the Gould Professional Building at 494 East 141 St. in Glenpool.

Pauline Haney, president of the Glenpool Indian Community says her office is prepared to "serve all enrolled Creeks in the area." The community service area includes south Tulsa county from 101 East Avenue south to the Okmulgee county line. The office is open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from noon to 4:00 p.m.

"We are taking applications for emergency assistance," says Haney. "But due to limited funds, service will be based on a first-come, first-served basis."

Eligible Creek citizens are asked to bring Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB), Creek citizenship card and verification of income when applying for assistance.

"We hope to have many different services available in the future," said Haney. "Come see us or call for more information at 918-322-3544.

All Indian Rodeo Association of Oklahoma Selects New Officers/INFR Contestants at Region 8 Finals

By Helen Chalakee

New officers were elected and announced by the All Indian Rodeo Association of Oklahoma (AIRAO) at the Region 8 Finals held in Tahlequah over Labor Day weekend.

James Duffield of Tahlequah was elected President. Tom Botone is the outgoing President. Dean Bickford was elected Vice-president; Katie Williams, Secretary-Treasurer; and Louis Hicks, Sergeant-at-arms.

Event Directors are: Bareback-James Duffield, Bull Riding-Don Osborn, Calf Roping-Pepper Morgan, Team Roping-Dee Keener, Steer Wrestling-Alan Murdough, and Barrel Racing-Kim Hicks.

The purpose of the Region 8 Finals is to determine the contestants who will be representing the region at the Indian National Finals Rodeo (INFR) to compete for the Indian world championship title.

The INFR will be held this year in Albuquerque, NM, on November 17-20 at Tingley Coliseum.

They will be competing for $75,000 in prize money and awards for saddle and bareback riding, bull riding, calf and steer roping, steer wrestling, team roping, barrel racing and the coveted title of All Around Champion.

A total of four performances will pit the top bucking stock of the professional rodeo circuit against top event winners from the nine INFR regions in the United States and Canada.

Two contestants from each AIRAO event earned the right to compete at the INFR through qualifying as either the year-end money winner or the finals point average winner. In the case that one contestant wins both the year-end and the point average, the next highest year-end money winner will qualify.

Those qualifying from Region 8 to compete for the Indian rodeo world champion title are:

YMW (Year-end Money Winner)
RFW (Regional Finals Winner)

BULL RIDING-Brad Fish *YMW, Mika Calico *RFW ***BAREBACK RIDING***-James Duffield *YMW *RFW, Tommy Trout *2nd YMW ***SADDLE BRONC***- Jess Knight *YMW *RFW, Phllip Whiteman *2nd YMW ***CALF ROPING***- Dee Keener *YMW *RFW, John Pickens *2nd YMW ***STEER WRESTLING***- Ron Hammer *YMW, Ed Holyan *RFW ***BARREL RACING***- Kerrie Adams *YMW *RFW, Shea Bickford *2nd YMW ***TEAM ROPING***- Keith Bacon *YMW, Dee Keener and Butler Smith *RFW.

Creek sister's designs shown at Smithsonian Institute Museum Gift Shop

By Kathryn Bell

The award-winning fabric creations of two Oklahoma Creek sisters are currently being exhibited for sale in the Museum Shop and gift catalog of the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C.

The creations blend the traditional quilting form with contemporary Indian motifs.

These bold, colorful Indian motifs of sisters, Mamie Hall and Ruth Womack of Hulbert, or "Womaha" Creations are under exclusive contract to the Smithsonian.

The sisters will produce orders of their pillows, bearing American Indian clan symbols of the eagle, bear and fish, for the Institute.

The pillows, as well as quilts, wall hangings and totes included in the Womaha line, are all machine-appliqued and hand-quilted around central images, and are made of durable cotton polyester.

In an idyllic setting of woods and clear-running streams that criss-cross "Double Spring Creek," the sisters rural Hulbert home and workshop, they work daily preparing orders to be shipped to the Institute.

All of the work, from designing, actual construction of the creations, and shipping is accomplished by the two, assisted by Sue Buckner, an expert appliquer and a Cherokee from Stilwell.

The designs of the sisters, both retired educators, range from tribal designs of the Five Tribes to bold abstractions of designs of the Southwest, which are particularly stunning in the large format of quilts.

Their appliqued symbols of adobe, cactus, mountains and desert scenes and colors, are ingenuously designed to create depth and perspective.

Womaha's success in sales reflect the current popularity and interest that Native American designs are enjoying in this country. "Our Southwest designs go over big in the Denver area, but also as popular are our wall hangings with Plains Indian designs,"said Mamie, who added that their creations have been purchased by tourists from Japan, England and visitors from the Scandanavian countries.

Pieces from the Womaha line which are exhibited in shows are usually award-winners. It was at such a showing last December at the Colorado Indian Market in Denver that representatives from the Smithsonian saw the sisters exhibit and asked them to send samples of their work to the Institue. "They especially liked our quilt with the Indian clan symbols on it, but later felt that smaller items, such as the pillows, would sell better," they said.

In April the Smithsonian put the pillows in their gift catalog. In July 230 pillows were shipped to the Institute, with an additional 130 pillows to be shipped this month.

"We have been overwhelmed at the popularity and response our designs have received, and never dreamed we would be doing what we are now with the Smithsonian and with such success," Ruth remarked.

The sisters were born and raised in the Keifer-Mounds area on the original Creek allotment which belonged to their mother, Alice Stewart Sividon.

After graduating from Mounds, both sisters pursued college educations, Mamie at Oklahoma State University and Ruth out of state.

After raising their families (Ruth has a son and Mamie has four grown children), and retirement from careers in education, the two decided they wanted to come back to their native state and retire together. Mamie retired in 1985 as an elementary school teacher in Illinois and Ruth retired in 1983 as an elementary school principal in Colorado Springs. "We really weren't ready for rocking chairs yet, so we came up with the idea of sewing as a hobby we could both take part in," said Mamie, who explained that after their husbands built them a home and a workshop in Mamie's basement, they started to design fabric creations, mostly for their own enjoyment and as family gifts. "We had no marketing strategy planned, whatsoever," said Ruth, "we just knew we wanted to make quilts, pillows and other items with Indian symbols on them."

With their first quilts finished, the sisters entered them in the Tulsa Indian Arts Festival in 1986, but found, that although admired, the quilts were too expensive to do much in sales. The decision was made to do smaller pieces, and with this came not only awards but sales.

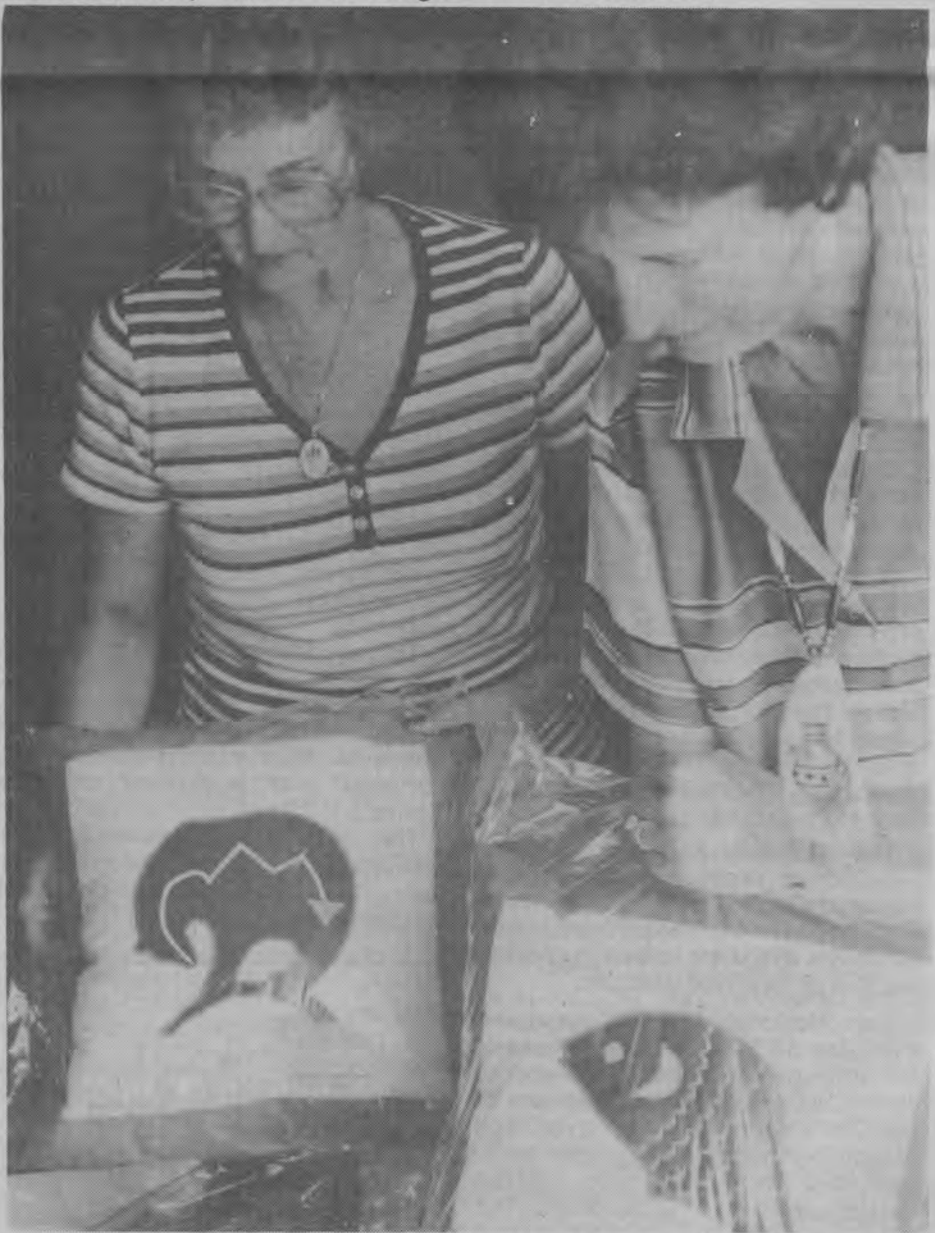
The first entry into a juried art show was the Five Tribes Museum competition, which won the sisters a First Place with a quilt bearing Five Tribes symbols.

The sisters have exhibited their work in other Indian arts and crafts shows in Denver, Sante Fe, Taos and have work in the Mellagro Shop in that area. Most recently, they exhibited at Red Earth in Oklahoma City.

Womaha Creations will also be featured in a new local gift catalog, "Coming Home to Oklahoma," a fall catalog featuring only Oklahoma-made items.

For more information on Womaha Creations, contact the sisters at their workshop in Hulbert, (918) 772-3204, or 772-2128.

PREPARING PATTERN CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW DESIGN, *the two sisters, Ruth (center) and Mamie (right) are assisted by helper, Sue Buckner, in the Womaha workshop in Mamie's home.*



WOMAHA PILLOWS, BEARING INDIAN CLAN SYMBOLS, *are examined by the sisters before shipping to the Institute museum shop and to fill orders for the gift catalog.*

—OBITUARIES—

ROY HARJO

Roy Harjo passed away August 17 in Tulsa. He was 73. A member of the Okmulgee Indian Baptist Church he is survived by: wife, Nancy; two daughters, Rosie Fife, Tulsa, Lydia Cloud, Bristow; son, Charlie, of Tulsa; eleven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; brother Tommie of Joplin, Missouri; sister, Winnie Burgess of Sasakwa; step-mother, Mandy Cosar Harjo, Konawa. Wake services were held Aug. 19 at Moores Memory Chapel. Funeral services were held Aug. 22 at Seminole Indian Baptist Church. Burial was at the Harjo Family Cemetery.

LEWIS BIBLE

Reverend Lewis Bible, 72 year old resident of Dewar, died September 5 in Tulsa. Bible was born in Oktaha on October 4, 1915.

Survivors include: his wife, Helen; four sons, Thomas Sullivan, Nuyaka, Lewis Bible Jr., Henryetta, Jerry Bible of the home and Dennis Bible, Okmulgee; four daughters, Linda Buckley of Henryetta, Jean Hawkins, Wagoner, Joan Thomas, Nuyaka and Bonnie Taylor, Okmulgee; 18 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Bible was a former pastor of the Silver Springs Church on Tiger Mountain and also at Grave Creek Indian Baptist Church in Hichita. He was a retired construction worker and a veteran of World War II.

Wake services were held Sept. 7 at the Shurden Chapel in Henryetta. Funeral services were held Sept. 8 at the Shurden Chapel with the Rev. Bridge Chuckluck officiating, assisted by Rev. Robert Washington. Interment was at the New Sonora Cemetery.

Pallbearers were grandsons, Ryan Hawkins, Stephen Hawkins, Bud Sullivan, Adam Thomas, Jr., Dwight Thomas, and Jimmy Buckley.

LUCY MAE WALKER

Funeral services for Lucy Mae Walker were held September 12 at the Hickory Grounds #2 Indian Baptist Church. Her husband, Rev. Barney Walker officiated.

Born October 3, 1927, Mrs. Walker died Sep. 9 at the Henryetta Medical Center. Survivors include her husband Barney; eight sons, Robert and Stanley, McAlester; Edward, Bowlegs; Tommy, Danny and Barney, Broken Arrow; Virgil, Minnesota; and Gary, of the home; one daughter, Andre Marshall, Eufaula; two brothers, Wiley Ryal, Dewar and Wesley Taylor, Sand Springs; and 21 grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Walker's sons. Funeral services and interment were under the direction of Merritt Funeral Service of Henryetta.

LILLY KERNAL LASLEY LINDSEY

Funeral services were held for Lilly Kernal Lasley Lindsey Thursday, July 14 at the Little Quarsarty Indian Baptist Church near Cromwell. Officiating were Rev. Jake Marshall and Rev. Bill Beaver.

She was born April 4, 1904 in Hughes county, west of Wetumka and was reared about a mile west of Little Quarsarty Church.

She attended Quarsarty School, the Euchee Boarding School and Bacone College. She was baptized November 19, 1919 while attending the Euchee Boarding School and returned to Little Quarsarty where she was a lifetime member. She was also a resident of Hanna for 18 years.

After suffering a stroke in June, 1985, she entered the Wetumka Nursing Home and lived there until her death July 11. She was 84.

Mrs. Lindsey was preceded in death by her daughter Alpha Jean Barnes on October 10, 1980. Survivors include her husband, Eddie Lindsey; one daughter, Elouise Mitchell, Wetumka; one foster son, Thomas Yahola, Depew; one foster daughter, Nancy Hill, Depew; three great-grandsons, Ronnie Long, Germany, Terry Long, Houston, Texas and Jerry Wayne Barnes, Jr.; one aunt Munna Deere; three step grandchildren, Simon Mitchell, Ray Mitchell and Jimmy Mitchell, all of Oklahoma City; five foster grandchildren, Johnson Proctor, Awney Proctor, Leola West, Grover Hill and Felix Hill, all of Depew. She leaves behind many friends and relatives.

REV. SAMUEL B. CHUPCO

The Rev. Samuel B. Chupco, 74, of Glenpool, died September 12 at home.

A prayer service was held for 7 p.m. at Owen Funeral Home with the Rev. Thomas Long officiating.

Funeral services were held 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Pickett Indian Methodist Church with the Rev. Joe Lowe, John Lowe and Thomas Long officiating. Burial will be in Green Hills Memorial Gardens.

Casketbearers will be Victor Harjo, Rueben Kinney, David Chupco, George Wesley, Eli Marshall and Dean Baker.

He was born Feb. 23, 1914 near Little, OK. The Rev. Chupco lived in Glenpool for the last years, moving there from Tulsa.

The Rev. Chupco was a member of Pickett Indian Methodist Church.

He attended Eucha Boarding school in Sapulpa and the Chilocco boarding school. He was a retired Methodist minister, serving in the ministry from 1955 to 1979. He served in churches in the Indian missionary conference in southern Oklahoma and Kansas.

He was a WWII Army veteran and married Ruby Dodson April 10, 1946, in Wichita, Kan.

Survivors include wife, Ruby; sons, the Rev. Samuel of Bristow and Johnny of Sapulpa; daughter Mary Dowler of Tulsa; sisters Jenny Leitka of Wewoka, OK and Nora Burris and Lydia Harjo, both of Shawnee, six grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

LUCAS D. WEST

Funeral services for Lucas D. West, 68, were held 2 p.m. September 17 in the Alabama Indian Baptist Church of Weleetka with Rev. John Lowe officiating.

Interment was in the Lowe Family Cemetery under the direction of the Merritt Funeral Service of Henryetta.

Pallbearers were Lawrence West, Bill West, Michael West, Sherman West, Danny King and Lloyd Roper.

Mr. West, who was born Ooctober 5, 1919 at Bryant, died Sept. 14 at the Henryetta Medical Center. He had lived in the area most of his life and served with the U.S.Army from August of 1940 until Feb, 1947. He was a member of the Alabama Indian Baptist Church where he served as a deacon.

Survivors include his wife, Leona West of the home in Weleeka; three sons, Lawrence West, Tulsa, Bill West, Sapulpa and Sherman West, Holdenville; a daughter, Jeanetta West of the home; a sister, Lizzie Roper, Okemah; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Letter from Evangelist Ernest Best. . .

"...What went ye out for to see? A reed shaken with the wind? But what went ye out to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? But what went ye out to see? A prophet?..." Luke 7:24-26

These are, of course, Jesus' words concerning John the Baptist, but these scriptures came to mind just recently as I was thinking of the work in Indian missions. From month to month, we share with you the exciting things God is doing, but we are not always at liberty to share with you the hardships and heartaches we experience or what we see other missionaries and their families going through.

Some have expressed a desire to visit those missionaries on reservations. What would you find? You will not find a reed shaken in the wind, a person who is easily shaken by circumstances.Nor would you find one in soft raiment. You will find hardworking men and women, doing everything from auto repair to plumbing, carpentry and whatever else needs to be done, sometimes driving a hundred miles just to get a needed part. You will find families who often come home to find it has been burglarized and their cherished possessions are gone.

Chances are, they won't have a lot of time to take off just to visit. However, they probably would stay up late at night to visit because they don't get much Christian fellowship. They have left family and friends in order to serve where God has called them. They have taken their children into a culture and environment that is not only different from their own, but is sometimes hostile to them. They, with the apostle Paul, have said, "But none of these things move me, neither I count my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of Grace of God."

If you were with them for church services, you would possibly see very few attend, because the work is very slow. You see, they sacrifice a lot and see not a lot of fruit for their labors.

We as Americans have idealized "Indian missions". In truth, it is hard, sacrificial lifestyle. I think back to the time when we were in northern Saskatchewan one September. We drove with missionary and his family 40 miles out to the reserve where we were to have revival services. When we arrived, we built a fire in the little sheet metal stove, and sat around it shivering, by the light of one candle, waiting to see if anyone would come. The temperature was well below freezing. People eventually came "on Indian time". As we sat their in the semi-darkness, I thought about what a glamourous life missionaries live.

They are rugged individuals with the grace of God upon their lives and the love of God in their hearts for "their" people. Most would not trade their ministry for a church in the south. They are still people and they need our prayers. We praise God for the opportunity to work with these people and get a glimpse into their world.

During the month of August, we were in Maranatha Baptist Church, Chamois. Missouri and First Baptist Church, Herman, Missouri. The Lord blessed with good services and fellowship in both churches. There was a lady, whom the church had been praying for for a long time, saved at Herman. I also spoke at the Friday morning VBS, where 13 young people made professions of faith. We were then at First Baptist Church, Gillespie, Illinois, where the Lord moved in a mighty way, with many in the altars every night. From there we went to the Fishers of Men Fellowship, Sweet Springs Baptist Church, Huntsville, Mo. We had a tremendous time there with great preaching and singing every service. I also preached for the Sunday services at Sweet Springs.

We then went to Lac du Flambeau, in northern Wisconsin, for their annual Christian Indian Gathering. I taught a seminar and preached and Jerry sang, played the piano for the services, and took care of the sound system. God blessed and we had a good time of fellowship. They had their traditional Indian feast with venison, bear, fish, turtle soup, wild rice, corn, and fry-bread. It is great to fellowship with God's people in the northern woods of this country. The Gathering is always a highlight of our year.

We are now getting ready to go to Canada. We will be having a city-wide crusade in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, the first full week of September. Please remember that in your prayers. We do sincerely thank you for your financial support.

Your Missionaries to the American Indians,
Bro. Ernest & Bennie Best and family

Federal Indian bingo legislation "hot issue" in Washington

The battle in Congress over Indian gaming rights is a mix of money, power and, of course, politics.

For example, there's the political fight for the next majority (or minority) leader in the U.S. Senate. Senators Daniel Inouye of Hawaii, George Mitchell of Maine and Bennett Johnson are vying for the post.

Tribal leaders say the link between Inouye and Reid on the gaming legislation could be pure and simple horse trading, an Indian gambling bill in exchange for a vote for majority leader.

Suzan Harjo, executive director of the National Congress of American Indians, says that Inouye may tell tribes that he's done enough good for them this session and that on the gaming issue, he'll walk away.

House Majority Whip Tony Coelho says the race for Senate majority leader presents an interesting scenario: It's not just one vote for Inouye, but possibly two, because there's a hotly contested Senate race in Nevada between Republican Senator Chic Hecht and Democratic Governor Richard Bryan. "If Bryan wins," says Coelho, "then there's two votes for majority leader."

The fight over Indian gaming has drawn in some powerful members of the House, too.

Coelho ranks number three in the House, behind Speaker Jim Wright and Majority Leader Thomas Foley. He admits that his interests are "very narrow," keeping Indians out of the horse racing industry unless they agree to state jurisdiction.

Interior and Insular Affairs Committee Chairman Morris Udall, D-Arizona, is pushing for a compromise that will not sell out the tribes' rights of self-government.

Tribes sued in "our own courts" for the right to run these games without interference from the states, Udall recently wrote in the Congressional Record. "And they won."

Another powerful member of the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee is Rep. George Miller, D-Calif., who just as adamantly asserts that states must have jurisdiction over tribal gaming, citing reports from the California attorney general that "such operations are attracting organized crime."

Then there's the chairman of the House Rules Committee, Rep. Claude Pepper, D-Fla., whose narrow concern is to prevent Indians from setting up pari-mutual dog racing tracks, say House staffers.

"Pepper is prepared to delay other Interior Committee bills if the state and non-Indian gaming interests are not satisfied with legislation coming out of Udall's committee, "said a recent National Congress of American Indians advisory.

By Mark Trahant for NAPA

WASHINGTON--It's highstakes politics, with prizes topping hundreds of millions of dollars.

The gambling industry--dog tracks, horse-racing groups and the legal casinos in Nevada and New Jersey-- is pitted against dozens of American Indian tribes that sponsor big-time bingo, card games and even video-poker machines on reservations nationwide.

The senate is expected to take up a bill that would limit the right of Indian tribes to run high-stakes gambling without federal or state regulation.

"I'm not sure that the American people want the federal government to be authorizing gambling all over the country," says House Majority Whip Tony Coelho, who is promoting similar legislation in the House.

The California Democrat, who describes himself as a lifelong horse man, "seeks legislation this session because of a 1987 U.S. Supreme Court case that upheld the rights of Indian tribes, as sovereigns, to run bingo and other forms of gambling on reservation without being regulated by state government.

In the past 15 years, reservation bingo has become a new manna for struggling reservation economies. The federal Bureau of Indian Affairs reports that Indian gaming, primarily bingo, now pumps about $300 million a year into the reservation.

"You're not talking about Indians (on this issue), you're talking about gambling," Coelho says.

"Most members of Congress don't feel the federal government should be in gambling. And as a result, most Indians shouldn't be in gambling."

But, it wasn't Congress that authorized Indian gambling on reservations. It was tribal sovereignty as defined by the U.S. Supreme Court, tribal leaders say.

Congress' latest attempt to solve the issue is a Senate measure that would protect Indian bingo games while giving the states jurisdiction over horse racing, dog racing and full-blown casinos. The bill, although protecting Indian bingo games, would force tribes to comply with state rules on the size of pots and hours of play for table and card games.

Both, the Senate and House bills call for the creation of a federal Indian gaming commission to regulate tribal bingo games.

Neither Indian tribes nor the federal government has "the resources to regulate something as complicated as high-stakes gaming," said Wayne Mehl, legislative director for Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., a key supporter of the Senate bill to limit tribal gaming.

Reid, a former chairman of the Nevada Gaming Commission, has said state jurisdiction over gambling is the only way to prevent organized crime from moving onto reservations.

But Indian leaders disagree. They say there is no proof of organized-crime involvement in Indian gaming in its 15-year history.

They say the Senate bill, sponsored by the chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs, Daniel Inouye, D-Hawii, would go too far in granting state jurisdiction over tribes.

"You raise the specter of state jurisdiction, and every tribe in the country will oppose it," says Suzan Harjo, Executive Director of the National Congress of American Indians.

Once Congress grants states jurisdiction over Indian tribes on the gambling issue, it would be only a matter of time before states wanted to control Indian water or lands, she says.

"It's money, it's survival. People have been cut back (by the Reagan administration) and are scared to death," Harjo says.

Gaming profits are "money that the BIA can't tell you what to do with," she says.

Coelho, however, says that Indians made a big mistake by bringing gambling onto the reservations and that its cost will be higher than the profits it now returns to the tribes.

"Gambling is a monster that the Indians don't need," he says.

Bingo is one thing, but high-stakes gambling must be brought under state control, he says.

Emotions are running high on both sides. The Indian groups and the gambling interests both say the other side is not willing to compromise and has not bargained in good faith.

Arizona's Rep. Morris Udall, a Democrat, criticized the gaming industry recently in the Congressional Record, saying the issue is simply one of money. Udall is chairman of the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, through which any bill must move.

"The gambling lords of Nevada and the race-track owners of this country perceive an economic threat to their profits from the bingo game on the Tulalip Indian Reservation in Washington," Udall wrote.

The gaming industry may have the "political muscle to shove state rule over Indian governments down the throat of the tribes, but it will be done without my consent and without my support," he wrote.

But the gambling industry fears that Indians will expand gaming and increase the number of games, prizes and profits.

"Indian tribes are saying, "We can gamble anywhere in the country," said Tom Aronson, director for the American Horse Council, a lobbying group for horse tracks. He said the industry fears "unfair" competition and is seeking legislation this year before Indians expand into new gaming areas.

The choice is for Congress to act or for drawn-out court fights over the issue, he said.

"The whole concept of Indian sovereignty is not spelled out in the law, so it's not very clear," Aronson says, "there is no way anyone could have forseen Indian gambling."

The horse-racing industry fears that such tribes as the Sandia Pueblo in New Mexico will make good promises to open simulcast horse racing with pari-mutual betting.

"There's already a track up the road," Aronson says, adding that the competition would not be good for either the tribe or the racetrack. Further, the public-policy interests of the tribes and those of the state are in direct conflict, he says.

"Where does Indian sovereignty intrude on the right of the state?" Aronson asked.

Indian leaders say the courts have consistently upheld their right to act as sovereign within state lines, including the right to run gambling operations.

The 1987 Supreme Court decision, involving the Cabazon Tribe of California, says tribes can run bingo games without state regulation if such games are allowed in the state for any reason. Thus, if "charity" bingo is allowed, the tribes can run it as a commercial operation without state-imposed limits.

The court also said that states can stop the games by enacting criminal statutes against all gambling.

Earlier this summer, the Supreme Court refused to review a case from Oklahoma, thus upholding the right of the Creek Nation to establish a bingo game within the city limits of Tulsa.

Many in Congress are willing to concede the tribal right to run bingo games but would draw the line at high-stakes gambling, including casinos, dog racing and horse racing. Under the current bills, so-called Class II gaming would be regulated by the states through tribal-state contracts.

Inouye's bill, which moved through the Indian affairs committee last week, would put the tribes under state jurisdiction through contracts, called compacts. Under this bill, a tribe and a state would negotiate a regulatory structure. Even Inouye admits the bill would reverse the Supreme Court's protections of Indian gaming.

In a letter to Sen. Reid of Nevada, Inouye wrote that card games treated as Class II games would be operated "under the same hour and pot-wager limits that state law provides inconsistent with current law as expressed in the opinion in the Cabazon case."

Inouye wrote that "certain lobbyists" are working to "prevent tribal gaming whenever and wherever possible."

"I believe the bill, as currently drafted, goes well beyond what most tribes find acceptable and certainly gives states more of a role in tribal affairs than they have had in any other area since the 1950's," Inouye wrote.

Even the staunchest friends of Indians, Udall and Inouye, believe organized crime could be a problem down the road, making it much more difficult to sell a compromise bill, says Harjo of the Indian Congress. The controversy over gambling on Indian reservations erupted in 1983 when the U.S. Department of Justice sought legislation that would have halted tribal bingo games, then Interior Secretary James Watt told Congress that Indian bingo was becoming a new source of revenue that could not easily be replaced. In 1983, it was less than $30 million a year, BIA officials say. Moreover, Watt and other Interior Department officials argued that the reservations were small communities scattered across the coun-

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try, making it difficult for organized crime to infiltrate the games.

Even Ross Swimmer, the current head of the BIA says the argument that organized crime will become involved in the games is weak. "There has been no significant experience with criminal conduct in Indian gambling," Swimmer says. "The tribes and the federal government have been successful at rooting some, if not most of it out."

He said federal prosecutors have enough authority to protect Indian operations from fraud and other abuse and fears that a federal Indian gaming commission would simply become another mushrooming bureaucracy.

The BIA is negotiating with the Justice Department, hoping to present a Reagan administration bill that would support self-regulation of Bingo games, Swimmer says. Neither the administration or Congress will support high-stakes Class III gaming, Swimmer told the tribes at a National Indian Gaming Association meeting July 11 in Washington. Both supporters and critics of the bills in Congress fear the creation of a new federal bureaucracy to regulate gaming.

The "National Indian Gaming Commission" would be created within the Interior Department to regulate bingo games. The cost of that agency would be partially borne by the gaming tribes and the federal government. Swimmer says the agency would be "extremely expensive", costing $5 million to $15 million a year. Moreover, he says it's likely that the Reagan administration would veto the bill because of that. The cost of the commission could easily cut into bingo profits, negating the tribes' advantage over competitors, Swimmer says.

"How do you not have a huge bureaucracy?" Coelho asked. "That's what states (who have gambling) do today. Casinos have hundreds of inspectors patrolling the grounds to prevent skimming and other types of cheating," Coelho says. "That's why I want state regulation," he says. "Why should we (the federal government) get into it? Gambling on Indian reservations is not a basic need, like food," he says adding, "They're asking to do gambling without any controls."

Bingo tribes have made remarkable progress by using gaming profits, Harjo says. "Now we're worried about losing everything," she says.

Tribes have been using profits from bingo and other gaming net profits that the BIA estimates at $10 million to $15 million nationwide to supplement federal social programs that have been cut by the Reagan administration, Harjo says.

Even the BIA's Swimmer concedes that bingo profits have become very important. "It's a sizeable sum of disposable income. Its something worth protecting," he said. Swimmer recently told tribes that they ought to sacrifice high-stakes gaming in order to protect bingo.

Many in Washington agree.

Coelho says his concerns are "very narrow", mostly with preventing tribes from building unregulated horse and dog tracks.

"The more Indians have educated people, the more people talk about it," Coelho says. "The more people talk about it, the worse it gets for them. Indians are educating everybody that they are gambling and that they want more."

Even the people who normally support tribes are walking away from them on this issue, Coelho says. "The mood here is not to let them do any type of gambling," he says. "Indians have made a mistake forcing this issue onto the national agenda."

Both sides say the issue is emotional. But both sides say the issue must be dealt with by Congress before the November elections. "The problem is that Indians will go ahead and pursue interests (gaming) they shouldn't," Coelho says.

"It's a tough issue and it'll be a tough vote for the Indians."

Creek baby
wins pageant. . .

15 month old Lloyd Dawn Brown recently won honors in the 1988 Tulsa Baby Pageant and Diaper Derby sponsored by the Bird Creek Valley Lions Club. Lloyd won top Five Baby Supreme out of 1,200 children. She also got second place in beauty. She received a large trophy and two gold seal certificates- one in beauty, and one in health. Lloyd is the daughter of Jeanice and Floyd Brown and is the granddaughter of Jeff and Dorothy Lee of Kellyville and Florence and Felix Brown of Okmulgee.

UPDATE; U.S. Senate approves Indian bingo legislation-

The U.S. Senate has approved legislation that would create a National Indian Gaming Commission with authority to oversee tribal games. The bill was approved by voice vote on September 15 and now goes to the House of Representatives.

Fearing that "criminal elements" might infiltrate gaming in Indian Country, the bill gives the three member commission oversight for lotto, pull tabs, tip jars, punch boards, card games not played against the house and bingo. Games will remain under tribal jurisdiction.

The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that tribes can conduct gaming activities without state interference in states where gaming is permitted. The bill also gives the commission authority to close tribal games, enforce gaming ordinances, collect civil fines and review all management contracts.

Trade Bill Helps Indian Artists

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Sen. Jeff Bingaman (D-NM) applauded the signing of the trade and competitiveness bill and said it carried "good news" for American Indian artisans.

The bill, which became law, contains two measures to help Native American artists be more competitive.

"This is very important legislation for the Native American arts and crafts community," Bingaman said. "I hope both measures- the one to aid exports and the other to clearly mark counterfeit imports- will reap large benefits."

Bingaman authorized the provision in the bill authorizing the Secretary of Commerce to strengthen export promotion of Indian arts and crafts, with trade missions, marketing studies, and other activity. The bill also contains a provision cosponsored by Bingaman to discourage counterfeit Native American style arts and crafts. The legislation requires permanent markings clearly indicating the country where each item was made.

Bingaman said other industries in New Mexico will also benefit from the new law. The hard-hit domestic oil and gas industry will benefit from a provision repealing the windfall profit tax, and another provision to retain unemployed oil and gas workers of unfair foreign trade practices. Other measures in the bill will benefit New Mexico's education, high technology industries and agriculture.

Bingaman, one of the bill's major Senate architects, also authorized measures in the legislation to create a framework agreement on commerce and investment with Mexico, to establish a National Trade Data Bank to help forge a national economic competitiveness strategy.

"This law, in my view, is a leap forward toward solving our trade and competitiveness problems, which will benefit both New Mexico and the country as a whole," Bingaman said.

Eddie Lindsey, Sr. Hosts Family Reunion.

A family reunion was held July 2 at Eddie Lindsey Sr.'s home near Wewoka. Those attending were: Lola, Jessica, Marcella and Michael Wakatan; Danny and Janis Dawson; Miklos and Kristine Scheer; Kathy and Charlie Smith; Angela Lindsey,all of Oklahoma City; Eddie Jr. and Gretchen Lindsey, Haywood; Rita and Todd Maples, Tecumseh; Wanda Graham and Rachel Mace of Valliant;Miguel and Wyiquita Contu, Weleetka; Betty Cline Gayedes, Louisville, Texas; Milton and Loretta Denny, Glenpool; Elliot and Cora Leitka of Okmulgee; Lee and Helen Chupco, Muskogee; Webster and Nina Fixico, Seminole; Jimmie Noon, Cromwell; Fred and Susie Lindsey, Clewiston, Florida; James and Mavin Chupco, Marilyn Deer, Holdenville; Thomas and Rebecca Lindsey, Pauline and Junior Deer, Mr. and Mrs. Legus Harjo, all of Wewoka; Dayna and Bill Johns and sons, Norman. Everyone enjoyed the big hog fry and fellowship.

Morning Star Ministry Outreach Program shared with incarcerated-

The Gospel-Lites were guests of Morning Star Ministries during the July service at the Jackie Brannon Correctional Center in McAlester. The Gospel-Lites, Rufus Gould, Darrell "Spooky" Wesley, Herb Billie and Scott Harjo shared in song and testimonies and were well received by the men at J.B.C.C. Morning Star encourages other ministries to share their time and talents in a prison outreach work sharing the "good news" of redemption.

With prison overcrowding a nationwide problem, new prisons are being built and others expanded to meet the housing needs. The inmate population has increased nationwide four percent during the first six months of this year. The number of females being incarcerated is increasing due to higher drug conviction rates. 85 percent of those incarcerated are there because of drug and alcohol related crimes.

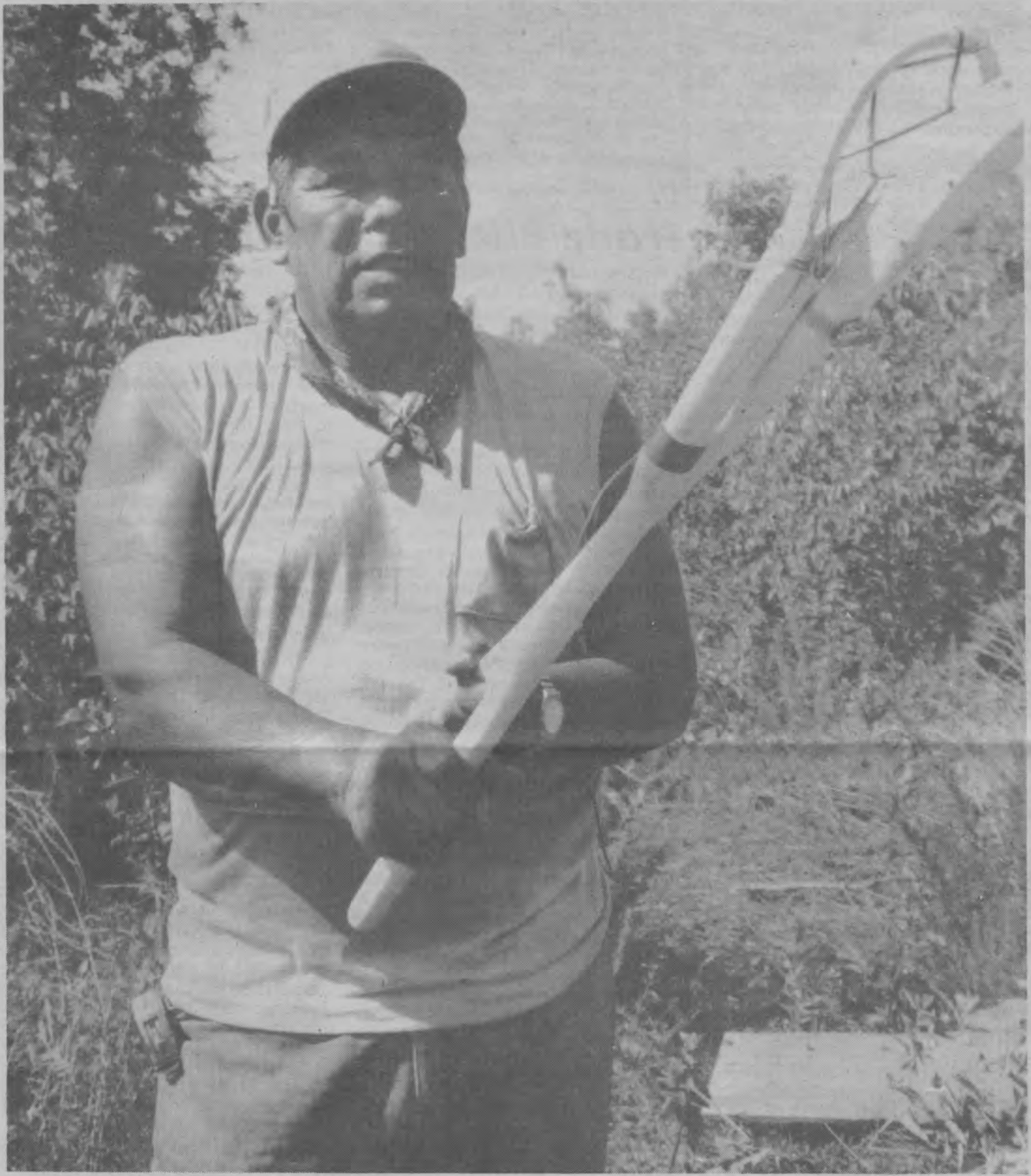
Presently, Congress is considering a $2 billion bill to fight drug abuse, seeking stiffer penalties for drug convictions, education and awareness programs, treatment facilities and halfway houses.

Another problem created by prison overcrowding is the early parole of inmates, often before rehabilitation has occurred or even begun. This results in seven out of every 10 released inmates returning to the prison system in less than a year. Rehabilitation is necessary to stop the pattern of recidivism. As one inmate stated, "Rehabilitation begins in the heart of men."

As a prison ministry, Morning Star volunteers its time to bring the gospel of Jesus Christ inside. It is only through a belief in Christ that hearts can be changed. Many have made life changing decisions while incarcerated. Upon release, these individuals return to society changed, leading productive lives.

"From beyond the sunrise"

Tema Tiger carrys on ancient art of ballstick making



By Kathryn Bell

The game of stickball, similar to lacrosse, is as ancient as the origins of the Muscogee people themselves, but it still has it's place during the summer ceremonial season of the Creek people at their stompgrounds.

One Creek man, Tema Tiger, who believes in and practices the traditional lifestyle of his people, still does his part in keeping the culture alive by his handcrafting, using simple tools, of ballsticks for the game of stickball.

Tema, 54, lives with his wife Hazel, on the original land allotment of his father and mother in the rural area west of Okemah. Tema not only makes ballsticks, but turtle shells or leg rattles for the women to use in shellshaking at the stompgrounds.

The craftsman, although taught the traditional art of ballstick making by his father, has only been making them in the past several years, at the request of other stompground members who needed them.Since he is one of the few who still makes ballsticks, his art is in demand. His ballsticks have been commissioned by individuals and museums across the country.

Tiger is a member of the Fishpond ceremonial ground, which was started in 1965 and is one of a dozen active ceremonial grounds within the Creek Nation. "We live a traditional Creek way of life and take part in the Green Corn and ceremonial ways of the Creeks at our stompground," said Tiger.

The Green Corn is the highlight of the summer ceremonial season at the stompgrounds. The stickball games are traditionally a part of the season. The games are played prior to the Green Corn dance, depending upon the custom of each stompground. At Fishpond, a stickball game is played between the men and women near the end of the season.

Tiger feels through his ballstick making that he is doing his part to further the traditional way of life observed by generations of Creek people since their forced removal from their Alabama homeland across the Trail of Tears in the 1700's to Indian Territory. "I am just trying to carry on where they (elders) left off when they passed on..."

Tiger eloquently explained the origin of the *"Tokon'he"* or "crooked stick" (as it is translated from the Muscogee language) according to the Creek legends- "Our stories say that this hickory was handed down from above to our ancestors and then to us. And at our ceremonial grounds, that's where they use these ballsticks made out of hickory wood in the game of stickball."

Tiger said the ballsticks also have meaning to the Creeks as a representation of the wooden cross of Christ. "What little we know about stickball and how it began, we try to keep it going- it came from way beyond the sunrise, our older ones have told us...and it's because of them that we carry this on. We will continue as long as our tribal towns are still going."

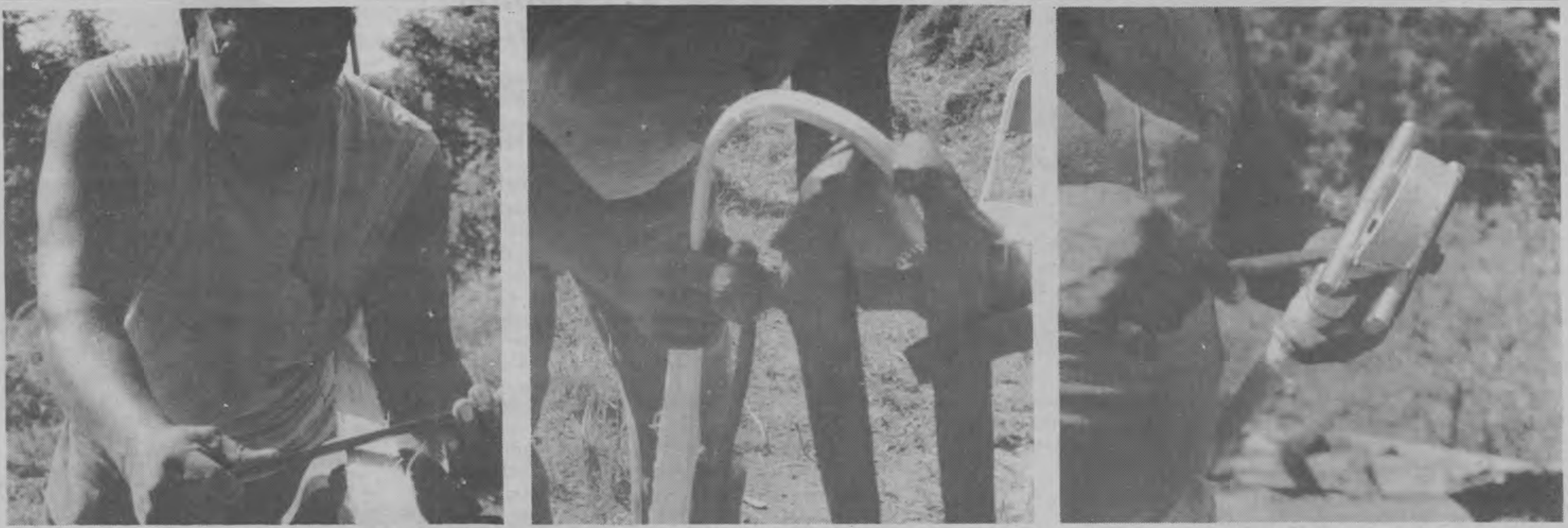
Tiger said he can make a pair of ballsticks in half a day- "maybe two pairs in a day, but it would be hard." He said he seldom makes mistakes or has to scrap a pair of ballsticks. "It takes a lot of patience to do this and I don't have all that much tools, I just work by hand."

Tiger's late parents were Harry Bell and Nettie Marshall Bell. Tema took the name "Tiger" from his great-grandfather, Clarence Tiger. Tema is a member of the Alligator Clan. His wife, Hazel Bucktrot Tiger is Euchee-Creek and her tribal town is Sand Creek near Bristow. She is a member of the Deer Clan.

Tema has graciously consented to demonstrate the art of traditional ballsticking making step by step below.

Those interested in Tiger's ballstick making, can contact him at Rt. 2, Box 111, Okemah, OK 74859.

FIRST, -TEMA SELECTS A PIECE OF GREEN HICKORY, *for workability, and splits it using a large hammer and iron wedges. To test for it's pliability, he next takes a strip of the hickory and ties it- "if you can tie a knot in it- it is a sign of good wood."*



IN THE NEXT STEPS OF THE PROCESS, *Tema, using a drawknife, above, begins to plane down the selected wood (which is clamped securely in a vice) for the ballstick. After measuring and marking off the required number of inches and marking the spot where the cup of the ballstick will be located, the crude form of the cup begins to emerge from the green wood. Tema then bends the green hickory wood double to form the cup of the ballstick, places it in a vice around a preshaped wooden wedge, and forms the cup. He then hand whittles the piece and uses a smaller clamp on the cup to slightly flare it to catch the leather ball, when complete. Finally, after the ballstick has been in the vice a short time, Tema uses a wooden rasp to smooth the finished ballstick. He secures the cup piece to the ballstick handle with leather strips, and prepares to puncture holes in the cup's edge, which he will lace with leather. Tema made one last observation on the ballsticks- how members of his tribal town preserve their ballsticks by using hamburger meat grease to coat them- "it preserves the ballsticks just like the white people's wood preservative--that is if the dogs don't carry them off first," he laughed.*

Creek youth sports review. . .

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Mark Jones and Bill Harley *have completed a successful baseball season. The two were members of the Southwest Tigers in the age 13-14 prep league at Woodson Park in Oklahoma City. The pair also played for the Alliance of Indian Youth in OKC. Jones, second from the right in the first row, is the son of Batiste and Leona Jones of Oklahoma City. Harley, back row, second from the left, is the son of Stan Harley, OKC.*

Christina Jones and Nina Carpitcher *were members of the Southeast Lions softball team that won the age 12 and under league in Del City. Jones, left, is the daughter of Batiste and Leona Jones of Oklahoma City. Carpitcher is the daughter of Pauline Carpitcher of OKC. The pair attend Capitol Hill and are playing in the Del City fall softball league.*

Brothers Chad and Clint Jennings *display their awards earned at archery competitions this summer. The two competed at the Creek Nation Festival Archery Tournament. Clint, on the right, placed first and his younger brother took second. At the Okmulgee County Bowhunters Association tournament Clint again placed first and Chad placed third. Clint attends Okmulgee Middle School and Chad attends Westside Elementary. Their parents are James and Joyce Jennings of Okmulgee.*

***ALICE KING, FORMER CREEK PRINCESS**and Miss OCU, Elizabeth Dietsche are shown with OCU President Jerald Walker while on tour of the Republic of China.*

The Honorable Claude Cox
Principal Chief Muscogee Nation
Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447

Dear Chief Cox:
I am pleased to report that Miss Alice King (OCU graduate, 1987) represented the Muscogee Nation and Oklahoma City University in a most commendable way during the OCU Lady Chiefs' tour of the Republic of China on Taiwan during August 2-15. Alice, representing Oklahoma's Indian Nations, and Miss Elizabeth Dietsche, Miss Oklahoma City University, served as spokepersons for the OCU delegation during the tour. Alice, Beth and the Lady Chiefs were on two of the most popular television network programs in Taiwan. While Taiwan has a population of twenty million, it has only three television channels. Alice and her fellow OCU delegation members became quite well known in a short period of time. The Lady Chiefs' delegation received an incredible amount of newspaper coverage during their thirteen days on Taiwan. Alice and Beth signed a great number of autographs and posed for a vast number of photos. Alice King, in short, was a superb representative of both the Muscogee Nation and Oklahoma City University in the Far East!
Sincerely,
Jerald C. Walker, President
Oklahoma City University

SALLY ANISSA MILLER

Creek tot celebrates first birthday. . .

Sally Anissa Miller recently celebrated her first birthday, August 10, in her new home in Seoul, South Korea.

Sally and her parents, Farris and Sue Miller, recently moved from Oklahoma to Seoul, where Mr. Miller assumed the duties of a new job. Mrs. Miller reports that their new surroundings are quite different from their native state, but that they are getting adjusted.

Sally's maternal grandparents are Clarence and Emily Sunny of Tulsa and her paternal grandparents are Farris and Sonnie Miller of Port Neches, Texas. She is the great-granddaughter of Togo and Lilly Berryhill of Okmulgee.

Bemo Church News. . .

By Chebon Whitecloud

July 10 was our Lord's Supper and Anniversary of being a church for a number of years. Tuesday- Prayer Meeting, Friday- Fast, Saturday was our Testimony and Sunrise Service on Sunday meeting. The morning message was brought by Rev. Christopher Harjo, two came for prayer. Afternoon preaching was Rev. Harley Barnowski and Rev. Bunny Soweka. Table was prepared by Chebon Deacon and passing sacrament were Deacon Walter Tulsa and Deacon John Wayne Tulsa. Rev. George Doyle administered the Bread and Rev. Barnowski was in charge of wine.

The churches represented were; Seminole Arbeka, High Spring, Okemah; Snake Creek, Cedar Creek, Seminole Cedar Creek, Eufaula, Vian, Creek, Broken Arrow, Ryal Community Church and Thewarle. Dates for the remainder of the Year; Oct. 2-Communion Meeting; Oct. 15-Food Sale & Yard Sale for Christmas Funds; Oct. 30- Fourth Sunday and Gospel Singing; Nov. 27-Thanksgiving; Dec. 25- Fourth Sunday, Christmas, Santa Claus and Candy; Dec. 31- New Year's Eve until midnight.

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M-S-W Association Elects 1989 Officers

The churches and messengers of the Muscogee, Seminole and Wichita Indian Baptist Association convened the 13th annual meeting at Assembly Ground, Henryetta, August 17-21.

The theme of the convention was "Vision of the Church" Speakers and their topics were: George Jessee, Annual Sermon and the Witnessing Newman Kelly, The Lost Love Church; Solomon Bullett, The Persecuted Church; Richmond Carr, The Dying Church; Willis Knight, The Apathetic Church; J.B. Fish, The Open Door Church; Allison Phillips, memorial service; Dan Phillips, Missionary Sermon.

Speakers for evangelism and missions were: Eddie Lindsey, Tom Phillips and Bill Tiger. The Youth/WMU/Baptist Men Ministries reported a successful year and of their achievements.

The new associational officers for 1988-89 are: George Jessee, moderator; Jim Kerr, assistant moderator; Geneva Colbert, secretary; Elsie Bruner, assistant secretary; Ernest Marshall, treasurer; Leon Postoak, Sunday School Director; James Locust, church training director; Richmond Carr, Brotherhood director; Helen Coon, WMU director; Millie Colbert, music director; Leona Colbert, librarian-historian; Henrietta Marshall, pianist; Melissa McCoy, family care ministries; Suzana Factor and Wesley McGirt, youth directors.

CHR Video Promotes Role of CN Program

Steven Landsberry, manager of the Creek Nation CHR Program has announced that "Vital Link", an eleven-minute video produced by the Creek Nation Communication Department will be made available to various tribal programs and tribal organizations.

"The purpose of the tape is to promote and create awareness of our Community Health Representatives (CHR) program", said Landsberry.

The tape explains the purpose and scope of the CN CHR program, as well as the CHR's role within the community.

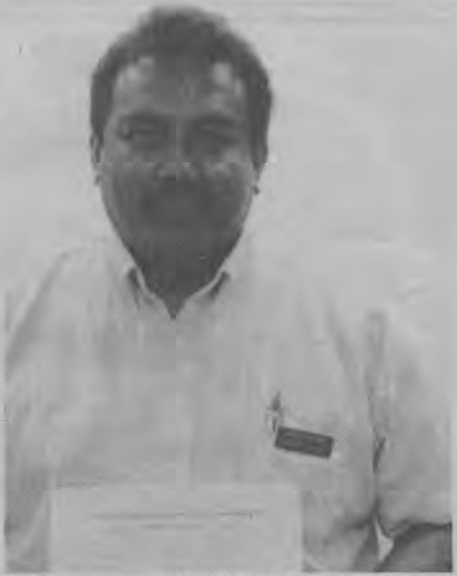
These roles are depicted in the tape, as well as a dramatization of the CHR's function as a first responder in an emergency medical situation.

The program, which covers the major areas of CHR service of transportation, health education and prevention and communication was commended, according to Landsberry, by the CN executive office as valuable in "informing our patients and public of the valuable services provided by the Creek Nation CHR program."

For more information contact Steven Landsberry, CHR Program at 756-8700. ext. 234.

Gum Disease Health Tip:

Have your dentist check your mouth for gum disease. Free screening for gum disease is now available at the Indian Health Dental Clinic in Claremore, Miami, Jay, Sapulpa or Okmulgee, if you are eligible for Indian Health Services.



AL ROLLAND

CN Health Specialist Receives IHS Award

Al Rolland, Coordinator of the Creek Nation Alcohol/Human Service/Discharge Planning Program, has recently received a service award from the Indian Health Services (Department of Health and Human Services) in recognition and appreciation of service in the chemical dependency field.

The award was presented at the National Training on Substance Abuse in Minnesota in August. Rolland was not in attendance at that meeting, but received notification of the award in the mail. He also received a letter of congratulations for Outstanding Program Director and "his dedicated service in providing case and treatment to American Indians in Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas."

Rolland has been the coordinator for the program, which is housed within the Okemah Indian Health Clinic, for two years. "The award, which was quite a personal honor for me, was overwhelming because I wasn't even aware anyone was watching," he commented. Rolland feels the award was due, in part, to his program's initiation of some areas of action in the consultation practices the program uses. Rolland continued that he felt the award had elevated the profession and approach to treatment by inclusion of clinical diagnostic tools.

The CN Alcohol Program, as it was originally titled, began as a medical/chemical withdrawal-treatment service available to Creek citizens and all Indians who are residents of the eight-county CN jurisdictional area.

The program, a voluntary service, provides a clinical environment for monitoring and medically treating chemically-dependent individuals while withdrawing from long-term drug use/dependency. The program provides diagnostic services, intervention services, counseling services and outpatient programs.

"Our program is successful under the present structure it operates under--but a higher profile is needed for the program within the local community," said Rolland.

For more information about the program, contact Rolland or Ernestine Henneha Boatman, Administrative Assistant, at 918-623-0555.

CN National Council Minutes

APRIL 30, 1988 QUARTERLY SESSION

INVOCATION: Jonas Dunson

CALL TO ORDER: Kenneth L. Childers, Spearker

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS: Certificate of Awards were presented to Vanessa Thomas: Vicki Cauley for their school achievements in representing the Eufaula Boarding School at Eufaula; and Tim Harjo, Alisha Proctor and Ruth Butler were presented a Certificate of Award for being selected to travel on a Close Up Program to Washington, D.C.

ROLL CALL: A roll call vote was taken with twenty three members being present the first half of this session; three members were absent. Twenty-two members were present for the second half and four members were absent. The first half attendance shall be as follows with the second half being recorded at the reconvening of the second half. Those present: Wilson, Cloud, Chupco, Primeaux, J. Buck,Kamp, Childers, Johnson Thomas, Dunson, Bear, Little, McIntosh, Burden, Frye, Newton, Williams, Cleghorn, Gilroy, Bible, Berryhill, Almerigi and Rhodes. Those absent were: Robert Buck, Robert s and Stacy.

READING OF MINIUTES: The minutes were mailed prior to this session, the minutes for consideration during this session would be the March 17, 1988 Special Session which were considered as follows: A motion was made by Williams and seconded by McIntosh to approve the Special Session minutes as read. Upon motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: twenty two in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried. The minutes of March 17, 1988 were approved as read. The minutes of March 26, 1988 Regular Session were considered as follows: A motion was made by Rhodes and seconded by Almerigi to amend the minutes as follows: page 3-delete the phrase "as it did not receive the 2/3 majority vote as required"; page 12 delete the voting for Rhodes beginning with page 12 as she was absent from there on; and to correct the voting results accordingly. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty-two in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried. The amendments werre approved as read and shall be recorded as such. A motion was made by Dunson and seconded by Frye to approve the minutes of March 26, 1988 with the amendments as approved. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty-two in favor, none against, no abstentions. Motion did carry, the mintues of March 26, 1988 were approved as amended.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. Old Business - Veto Message Returning Legislation with Objections. The The Speaker called for a ten minute break, per the request of Williams, as Mr. Williams stated that he had a Bill, that he wished to present to the full Council at this time, which concerned the number of Council Representatives required to over-ride a veto by a fractional vote. The meeting having reconvened, A RESOLUTION entitled "Adopting Rule #88-01 Concerning Number of Council Representatives Required to Over-ride a Veto-Fractional" was read by the Speaker and acted on as follows: **Section 101** Be it adopted by the Muscogee (Creek) National Council the following rule procedure. Rule 88-1 In the event of a vote to over ride a veto the two-third (2/3) requirement falls within a fractional vote, the lessor fraction shall prevail. Example: 17.5 would be 17 votes. The Resolution having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Williams and seconded by Burden to approve the resolution as read. (A roll call vote was not taken on this motion.) A motion was made by Gilroy and seconded by Johnson Buck to postpone action on this resolution until the Planning Session. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: fourteen against, eight in favor, no abstentions. Voting No were: Wilson, Cloud, Kamp. Primeaux, McIntosh, Burden, Frye, Newton, Rhodes, Cleghorn, Williams, Bible Bear and Berryhill;those voting yes: J. Buck, Chupco, Johnson, Gilroy, Thomas, Little and Almerigi. Motion did not carry. The motion to postpone the Resolution did not carry. ***At this point Mr. Williams withdrew the Resolution.** A motion was made by Almerigi and seconded by Wilson to move the old business (Veto Messages) to the bottom of the agenda and take care of the new business first. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: twenty-two in favor, none against, no absentions. Motion carried. The Old Business regarding the Veto messages were moved down to the bottom of the agenda for reconsideration.

4-A A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Establishing and Appropriating Bingo Revenues for the Tribal Extended Dental Program. The Bill was read and considered as follows: Section 101. Findings: The National Council finds that: A. Improving the health care of Indian people has been a major goal of the Creek Tribe. Efforts to attain a comparative level of health care equal to the rest of the country has been a priority focus of our Tribal Government's health delivery system. A vital component of the Creek Nation Health Delivery system is the Dental Service Programs. The Dental System is designed to give priority to those persons age 19 and under. Currently there are one-hundred twenty-seven (127) Creeks age sixty (60) and over waiting for dentures in the Creek Nation Dental System. A program is needed to extend dental services to elderly Creek Indians by providing dentures to those in need. B. The goal of the Tribal Extended Dental Program will be to improve the health of Elderly Indian Community through the implementation of a denture program for the Citizen's of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. **Section 102** The National Council hereby appropriates $61,000 from Bingo Revenues and authorizes the Principal Chief to expend these funds for the Tribal Extended Dental Program. The budget for this program is as follows:

Contractual - $60,000; Supplies (office) 1,000. Total Budget $61,000. **Section 103. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** The eligibility requirements for participation in the Tribal Extended Dental Program are as follows: A. Person must be an enrolled member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. B. Person must be age sixty years and over (born on or before 1928) C. Person must reside within the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Boundry. D. person must complete an application for service form;E.Person must obtain statement need from Indian Clinic Dentist. **Section 104 Methods of Program Implementation.** The methods of implementation are planned as follows: A. The Creek Nation Office of Administration will authorize the existing Indian Dental Clinics to perform preliminary dental procedures. B. After preliminary work is completed, in the Indian Clinic the participant will be referred out to contract dentists in the local community. C. The contract dentist will be responsible for the manufacture of dentures as detailed in the treatment plan. D. Evaluations of program participants will be completed at the Indian Dental Clinics. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by J.Buck and seconded by Johnson to approve Bill 4-A.Discussion was entertained and held.A motion was made by Rhodes, seconded by Wilson to amend Section 103 (B) by inserting the phrase "December 31," to the sentence, making the sentence to read "Person must be age sixty years and over (born on or before December 31, 1928. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty-two in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried the amendment as proposed was approved as read and shall be recorded as such into the final drafting of the Bill. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded by J.W. Buck and Clyde Johnson to approve the Bill 4-A, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: twenty-two in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried Bill 4-A was approved as amended.

4-B A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Amending NCA 81-13. The bill was read and considered as follows: **Section 101. Findings; The National Council finds that:** A. NCA 81-13 states at Section 102, the Principal Chief is required to implement a Personnel Policy, the provisions of which may not be contrary to tribal law, etc. B. the Constitution of the Muscogee Nation states at Article VI, Section 6, (b), (c); b) every order, resolution, or other act intended to reflect the policy of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation shall be submitted in accordance with the rules and limitations prescribed in case of a bill. c) Every ordinance, order, resolution, or other act intended to reflect the policy of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation shall be stamped with the Seal of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and be signed by the Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. C. There is at this time, a personnel policy which was approved by an **Advisory Council.** However, this personnel policy fails to comply with the Constitution of the Muscogee Nation in that the personnel policy does reflect a policy of the Nation but has not been approved by a duly elected National Council.**Section 102. NCA 81-13, Section 102 is hereby amended to read:** The appointment of all inferior offices and employees is vested in the Principal Chief alone, provided, that this section shall not limit the power of the National Council to advise and consent to the appointment of officers of the Nation. The Principal Chief is required to implement a Personnel Policy, the provisions of which may not be contrary to tribal law, and after administrative remedies are exhausted, the exclusive jurisdiction over all controversies arising under, pursuant to, or in conflict with that Personnel Policy shall belong solely to the courts of the Muscogee Nation. The Personnel Policy shall require the approval of duly elected National Council of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. A. The Principal Chief shall be required to present the Personnel Policy to the duly elected National Council for consideration and approval within thirty (30) calendar days after this bill becomes an Ordinance. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A Motion was made by Frank Kamp and seconded by Bill Burden to approve BILL 4-B as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Nineteen in favor, three against, no abstentions. Voting Yes were; Wilson, Cloud, Primeaux, Kamp, Gilroy, Dunson, Thomas, Burden, Frye, McIntosh, Little, Bear, Williams, Cleghorn, Rhodes, Newton, Berryhill, Almerigi, Bible.Voting no were: Chupco, J. Buck,Johnson.Those absent were; Roberts, Stacy, R. Buck. Motion carried. Bill 4-B was approved as read and shall be recorded as such. **4-C A Bill Establishing Guidelines for the Operation of the Festival and Committee Gift Shop.** The Bill was read and considered as follows: **Section 101. FINDINGS. The National Council finds that:** 1. The Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation states that Article VI, Section 7, the National Council shall have the power (subject to any restriction contained in the Constitution and laws of the United States of America) to legislate on matters subject to limitations imposed by this Constitution as follows: (c) To manage, lease, prevent the sale of, dispose or otherwise deal with tribal lands, communal resources or other interests belonging to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation or reserved for the benefit of such Nation. (e) To enter contracts on behalf of the Nation with any legal activity that will further the well-being of the members of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. 2. The Festival Committee has operated a Gift Shop on tribal property without the approval of the National Council. 3. The Festival Committee has, without the knowledge or approval of the National Council, placed cigarette vending machines in the Tulsa and Okmulgee Bingo Facilities and has collected revenues from these machines for its own use. 4. The Festival Committee has failed to operate the gift shop in a business-like manner, has not kept financial records and has not made a financial report for National Council review. **Section 102.** The Festival Committee shall, within sixty (60) calendar days of the date of this Ordinance, submit a request and proposal for the use of tribal facilities. **Section 103.** The Principal Chief shall, within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of this ordinance, submit a complete financial report for National Council review. This report shall be for the time period that the Festival Committee has operated the gift shop and cigarette vending machines. The BILL having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Frank Kamp and seconded by Roy Bear to approve BILL 4-C as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty-one in favor, None Against, One Abstention. Motion did carry. BILL 4-C will be recorded as such into the Creek Nation Code of Laws.

4-D A BILL of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Amending NCA 86-27 "Extending Interim Management Executive Committee Objectives Through September 30, 1988. The BILL was read and considered as follows: **Section 101. Findings. The National Council finds that: A. NCA 86-27 established an Interim Management Executive Committee to oversee the Okmulgee Bingo and provide recommendations for permanent management. B. Committee objectives were expanded by Ordinance to include the establishment of an enterprise in Okemah, Oklahoma. C.** A need exists to extend the reporting data through September 30, 1988. Section 102 is hereby amended to read as follows: Section 105 The management of the Okmulgee Bingo, Okemah, Economic Development Project, and other enterprises as assigned shall be by the Interim Management Executive Committee consisting of the Principal Chief, Executive Director, Director of Finance and two members of the National Council. The members of the National Council shall be Sandy McIntosh, McIntosh District, and Carney Roberts, Okfuskee District. **Section 103.** Prior to September 30, 1988, the Executive Committee shall present to the tribal government a permanent management structure for tribal enterprise. The BILL having been read, the chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Frank Kamp and seconded by Barton Williams not to consider this BILL at this time as it was addressed in a veto message and the veto message had not been addressed. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results: Sixteen in favor, Five against, One abstension. Those voting no were: Wilson, Chupco, Johnson, Gilroy, Almerigi.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION: 4-E A Bill Appropriating Bingo Revenues for Capital Improvements for the Agriculture Program.

4-F A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Amending NCA 87-30 which Establishes Medical Aid Services, Programming, and Authorizing the Expenditures of Bingo Revenue.

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4-G A Bill Authorizing Expenditures to address Pending Federal Legislation and the Current Pull Tab Issue. A motion was made by Larry Bible and seconded by Donna Rhodes to add Bills **4-E, 4-F, 4-G Pull Tab Issue;** deleting the original **4-G, the Attorney Bill** and change **4-H Pull Tab Issue** to **4-G** and to add these items to the Agenda. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty-three in favor, none against, no abstentions. MOTION Carried. BILL 4-E; 4-F; and 4-G will be added to the Agenda for Consideration during this session.

4-E Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Appropriating Bingo Revenues for Capital Improvements for the Agriculture Program. Section 101. Findings. The National Council finds that: A. Equipment is needed to replace items at the Agri-Business. **Section 102.** The National Council hereby appropriates Bingo Revenues as follows: AGRI-BUSINESS— $30,000: Personnel, Wages, Fringe- $8,000; Bulls (2)- $3,500; Supplies/Feedmill- $8,000; Swather- $3,500; Truck- $2,500 and Swine- $4,500. **Section 103.** The Principal Chief may revise the budget within approved line items and total appropriations. The BILL having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Harvey Gilroy and seconded by Helen Chupco to approve BILL 4-E. A motion was made by Larry Bible and seconded by Clarence Cloud to amend BILL 4-E by adding a new section 104 to read "any funds not expended will be returned to the Bingo Revenue Account. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty-One in favor, none against, no abstentions. Motion carried. The amendment will be reflected in the final draft. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded for the approval of BILL 4-E a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Nineteen in favor, two against, one abstention. Motion did carry. BILL 4-E was approved as read and shall be recorded as such.

4-F A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Amending NCA 87-30 An Ordinance Establishing Medical Aid Service and Programming and Authorizing the Expenditures of Bingo Revenue Funds to Implement this Program. Section 101. Findings. The National Council finds that a priority need exists in the issuance of medicines for life-sustaining prescriptions. **Section 102. The National Council hereby amends NCA 87-30 at Section 104 (c) by adding a new paragraph to read: The Division of Community Service is authorized to place medicines for life sustaining prescriptions at a priority in the issuance of medical aid services; and the Health related Equipment shall be used only in an extreme emergency. The Director of Community Services shall use his/her discretion in determining the emergency** need. The BILL having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Roy Bear and seconded by Jonas Dunson to approve BILL 4-F. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty-One in Favor, One Against, No Abstentions. Motion carried. BILL 4-F was approved as read shall be recorded as such.

4-G A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Authorizing Expenditures to Address Pending Legislation and Current Pull-Tab Issue. The BILL was read and considered as follows: **Section 101. Findings.** The National Council finds that: A. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation benefits from its gaming activities. B. The status of Indian Gaming legislation in Congressional Committees requires lobbying efforts to protect and preserve Muscogee (Creek) Nation Gaming Rights. Such lobbying and legal efforts requires funding. C. Certain questions regarding the legality of pull-tabs have been raised by the Department of Justice as conveyed by the U.S. Attorney in the Western District of Oklahoma. The U.S. Office via the FBI has determined and stated that arrests will follow if the pull-tab situation continues. D. That the Oklahoma Indian Gaming Commission (O.I.G.C.) is focusing its attention to the pull-tab area of concern and is working to resolve the situation. E. Furthermore, the National Council finds that the official support and recommendation will allow the Muscogee (Creek) Nation to continue as a nationally prominent gaming tribe and preserve and protect its gaming rights. **Section 102.** The National Council authorizes expenditures from operational costs of the various bingo facilities not to exceed $10,000 for legal and lobbying fees to the National Indian Gaming Commission for legislative (lobbying) purposes. Additionally further contributions not to exceed $5,000 to a legal fund being established by the O.I.G.C. to pursue legal remedies to the pull-tab litigation at the Federal Court level. **Section 103.** The operational expenses discussed may be determined on a per seat basis or percent to revenue of Pull Tab sales. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Bible and seconded by Dunson to approve Bill 4-G. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: ten in favor, twelve against and no abstentions. Those voting NO were: Rhodes, Cloud, Primeaux, Little, McIntosh, Burden, Thomas, Willliams, Newton, and Berryhill. Those voting YES were: Wilson, Buck, Kamp, Johnson, Chupco, Dunson, Bear, Gilroy, Bible and Almerigi. Absent were: Roberts, Stacy and Robert Buck. Motion carried, BILL 4-G was approved as read and shall be recorded as such.

QUARTERLY REPORT

A motion was made by Little and seconded by Johnson Buck to accept the Quarterly Report. Upon a motion having been made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Thirteen in favor, five against and no abstentions. Voting YES were: Cloud, Buck, Chupco, Johnson, Bear, Little, Dunson, McIntosh, Williams, Newton, Almerigi, Cleghorn and Gilroy. Voting NO were: Frye, Rhodes, Kamp, Burden, Primeaux, Berryhill. Wilson, Bible and Thomas were out. Motion carried, the Quarterly Report were accepted as presented.

RECESS A motion was made by Kamp and seconded by Cloud to recess until 10:00 a.m. Saturday May 7, 1988 to address the Veto Message. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Eighteen in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion did carry. The meeting was recessed until May 7, 1988 at 10:00 a.m. at which time the veto message will be vetoed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

4-H A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Amending Tribal Ordinance NCA 81-04 Requiring Regular and Special Sessions of the National Council. Section 101. Tribal Ordinance NCA 81-04 is hereby amended at Section 101 by changing the meeting date for the month of May from the last Saturday to the Saturday. **Section 102.** This amendment shall become effective this date and shall be only affective for the month of May, 1988. The Bill having been read the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Roberts and seconded by Wilson to amend the Bill by inserting the date of May 21, 1988 at Section 102. Upon a motion having been made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: eighteen in favor, two against and no abstentions. Voting NO were: Rhodes and Burden, Little abstained. Motion did carry the amendment was approved as read. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded on the approval of Bill 4-H a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty in favor, one against and no abstentions. Voting NO was Rhodes. Motion carried, Bill 4-H was approved as read. (The reconvened session will be held on May 21, 1988 and it will be at the Council House, downtown Okmulgee).

PART II RECONVENED SESSION -

Members present for this session was as follows: Rhodes, Wilson, Cloud, Chupco, Johnson, Roberts, Childers, Buck, Primeaux, Dunson, McIntosh, Bear, Stacy, Burden, Thomas, Frye, Williams, Cleghorn, Berryhill, Newtown and Gilroy. Almerigi, Bible, and Robert Buck were absent.

VETO MESSAGE AS RETURNED BY THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF

NCA 88-14 A Message of the Principal Chief Returning NCA 88-14 to the National Council with Objections. As Principal Chief, I Claude A. Cox, do hereby return NCA 88-14 entitled, "Amending NCA 81-18 and NCA 87-20", to the National Council with objections. **OBJECTION:** Section 102 violates article VIII of the Constitution and Rights of Due Process. The Office does not object to the terms of office of District Court Judges begin increased to two years. However, Section 102 of the proposed legislation attempts to deny the rights of due process to the individual tribal member serving as judge should removal become an issue. The Constitution in Article VIII protects individual rights and sets requirements for the removal of tribal officials. Therefore, Section 102 of the legislation is unconstitutional. **RECOMMENDATION:** Since Section 102 of the legislation is unconstitutional no further action is needed. NCA 88-14, therefore, is returned as a veto in accordance with the constitution. Sincerely, signed, Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief: CAC/kg. The message having been read the Speaker entertained a motion. A motion was made by Primeaux and seconded by Stacy to override the veto. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Eighteen in favor, four against and no abstentions. Voting YES were: Rhodes, Wilson, Cloud, Primeaux, Dunson, Thomas, Frye, Williams, Cleghorn, Kamp, Childers, Johnson, Stacy, Bear, Little, McIntosh, Burden, Newton, and Berryhill. Voting no were:Chupco, J. Buck, Roberts. Motion to override the veto was approved. The veto will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as Veto Message of NCA 88-14 as a Veto Override.

NCA 88-15 A Veto Message Returning NCA 88-15 "Repealing NCA 81-13" and Defining Certain Office with the Executive Offices of the Principal Chief. The message was read as follows: April 8, Message of the Principal Chief Returning NCA 88-15 entitled "Repealing NCA 81-13; and defining Certain Office within the Executive Office of the Principal Chief," to the National Council with objections. OBJECTION: The proposed legislation violates Article V, Section 2, of the Constitution. The Constitutional requirement for the creation and organization of the Executive Office by the Principal Chief was fulfilled by NCA 81-13. NCA 88-15 lacks the Constitutional authority to repeal NCA 81-13 and recreate and reorganize the Executive Office resting solely with the Principal Chief. RECOMMENDATION: Since NCA 88-15 lacks constitutional authority and could not be fulfilled if enacted, no further action is necessary. Therefore, NCA 88-13 is returned as a veto by this office. Sincerely, signed Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief; CAC/kg. The Veto having been read the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Mickey Primeaux and seconded by Tommy Newton to override the veto. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty in favor, Two Against, No Abstentions. Voting Yes were: Rhodes, Wilson, Cloud, Kamp, Roberts, Childers, Primeaux, Dunson, Thomas, Burden, McIntosh, Little, Bear, Stacy, Frye, Williams, Cleghorn, Newton, Berryhill. Voting No were: Chupco, Johnson Buck. Motion to override did carry.

NCA 88-16 A Veto Message Returning NCA 88-16, Amending NCA 88-07 Appropriating Funding for the Task Force Management of Indian Resources. The Veto Message was read and considered as follows: April 8, 1988, A Message of the Principal Chief returning NCA 88-16 to the National Council with Objections. I, Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, do hereby return with objection, NCA 88-16, entitled "Amending NCA 88-07 Appropriating Funding for the Task Force Management of Indian Resources," to the National Council. OBJECTION: MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE ARE NOT TRIBAL OFFICIALS AND CONFIRMATION BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL IS NOT REQUIRED. The naming of the task force and committee members to entities other than agencies and boards of the tribal government does not require confirmation by the National Council. These members are not tribal officials and serve in a capacity at the discretion of the Principal Chief. RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that NCA 88-07 not be amended to require confirmation of the task force members. Therefore, NCA 88-16 is returned as a veto to the National Council. Sincerely, Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief/CAC-kg. The message having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Barton Williams and seconded by Billie Burden to override the veto. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Fifteen in favor, Seven Against and No Abstentions. Voting Yes were: Rhodes, Cloud, Kamp, Childers, Primeaux. Thomas, Burden, McIntosh, Bear, Stacy, Frye, Williams, Cleghorn, Newton, Berryhill.Voting no were; Wilson, Chupco, J. Buck, Roberts, Dunson, Little, Gilroy.THE VETO STANDS AS READ. The motion did not carry as it did receive the majority vote as required by the Creek Constitution to override a veto.

NCA 88-17 A Veto Message Returning NCA 88-17 and Establishing the Nomination and Confirming Procedures of the Supreme Court Justices and District Court Judge and Amending NCA 81-18 and Requiring Full Citizenship of the Supreme Court Justices and District Court Judge. The Message was read and considered as follows: April 8, 1988, Message of the Principal Chief Returning NCA 88-17 to the National Council with Objections. I, Principal Chief Claude A. Cox, do hereby return NCA 88-17 entitled, "Establishing the Nomination and Confirmation Procedures of the Supreme Court Justices and Districe Court Judge", to the National Council with objections. **OBJECTION ONE:** THE REQUIREMENT OF FULL CITIZENSHIP FOR SUPREME COURT JUSTICE AND DISTRICT COURT JUDGE NECESSITATES A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Article VII of the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation does not require that members of the court be full citizens of the tribe. If such a requirement is to be enacted, it will be necessary to amend the constitution at Article VII to allow the proposed restriction. **OBJECTION TWO:** SECTIONS 102 and 104 ALLOWS THE DENIAL OF DUE PROCESS TO TRIBAL CITIZENS BY COUNCIL INACTION. In the past years, the National Council has, for whatever reason, not taken any action on court nominations submitted by this office. Inaction of this court can create a situation which may render the court inoperative and deny tribal citizens due process under tribal law. This situation cannot be allowed to exist and the court system must operate pending the political process. **RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended that legislation be passed which deletes Section 102, and 104 and 106. NCA 88-17 is returned as a veto. Signed /s/ Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief, Muscogee (Creek) Nation /CAK/kg. The message having been read, the chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Primeaux and seconded by Burden to over-ride to veto. Upon a motion

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having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty in favor, two against, no abstentions. Voting NO were: Chupco and Johnson Buck. Motion did carry and the message was over-ridden and shall be recorded as a veto-override.

A Veto Message Returning NCA 88-18, dated April 8th, 1988. The Message was read and considered as follows: A message of the Principal Chief Returning NCA 88-18 to the National Council with Objection. As provided by the Constitution, I, Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief, do hereby return NCA 88-18 entitled, "Appropriating Bingo Revenue for the 1988 Creek Nation Festival and Rodeo", to the National Council with objection.OBJECTION: Members of the Committee are not Tribal Officials and Confirmation by the National Council is not required. The naming of the task force and committee members to entities other than agencies and boards of the tribal government does not require confirmation by the National Council. These members are not tribal officials and serve in a capacity at the discretion of the Principal Chief. **RECOMMENDATION:** This Office agrees that all components of the legislation are acceptable with the exception of Section 108. It is recommended that the veto be upheld and reapproved deleting Section 108. Therefore, NCA 88-18 is returned as a veto to the National Council. Sincerely, Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief, CAC/kg. The message having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Primeaux and seconded by Williams to over-ride the veto. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Sixteen in favor, six against and no abstentions. Voting YES were: Rhodes, Kamp, Cloud, Childers, Stacy, Bear, Little, Burden, Primeaux, McIntosh, Thomas, Williams, Cleghorn, Berryhill, Newton. Voting NO were: Gilroy, Dunson, Wilson, Buck, Roberts and Chupco. Motion did not carry. The veto message of NCA 88-18 did not carry as it did not receive the required 2/3 majority vote as required by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. A message

A Message Returning NCA 88-20 "Making funds available to Organize Muscogee (Creek) Nation Indian Communities for Disbursement to their Creek Citizens. The message was read and considered as follows: April 8, 1988, A Message of the Principal Chief Returning NCA 88-20 to the National Council with objection. I Claude A. Cox, Principapl Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, do hereby return NCA 88-20 entitled, "Making Funds Available to Organized Muscogee (Creek) Nation Indian Communities for Disbursement to their Creek Citizens,"to the National Council with objection. **OBJECTION:** The Program includes unchartered Communities. By ordinance, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation has established a chartering process which enables recognized and legitimate Indian communities to become extensions of tribal government. Chartered communities have, in the past provided needed services to tribal citizens. Section 104 of the legislation allows groupos other than chartered communities to dispense funds appropriated by the tribal government. Due to the limited funding and other accountability considerations, only chartered Indian communities should be awarded funding. **RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended that the veto stand and the legislation be reconsidered with the eligibility for funding beinging limited to chartered Indian Communities. NCA 88-20 is hereby returned as a veto in accordance with the Constitution. Sincerely, Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief/CAC/kg. The message having been read, the chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Bear and seconded by Cloud to over-ride the veto. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Seventeen in favor, five against and no abstentions. Voting NO were: Chupco, Buck, Roberts, Stacy and Gilroy. Voting YES were: Rhodes, Wilson, Cloud, Kamp, Childers, Little, Bear, Thomas, Dunson, Primeaux, McIntosh, Burden, Williams, Cleghorn, Newton, and Berryhill. The Speaker declared the Veto message as read to be "Over-ridden".

ANNOUNCEMENT, REPORTS, OTHER, ETC.

BILL 4-I Guidelines for the Operation of the Festival and Rodeo. A motion was made by Stacy and seconded by Burden to add A Bill 4-I to the Agenda for Consideration. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Nineteen in favor, two against, no abstentions. Voting YES were: Rhodes, Wilson, Cloud, Chupco, Buck, Roberts, Stacy, Little, Bear, Dunson, Burden, McIntosh, Thomas, Williams, Newton, Berryhill and Gilroy. Voting NO were: Primeaux and Kamp. The Bill was read and considered as follows: **Section 101. Findings. The National Council finds that:** A. The Creek Nation Festival and Rodeo was established as an annual event in 1976 by TR 76-25; and in 1977 by TR 77-04. B. The third weekend in June has been designated as the date for the Festival and Rodeo to be conducted (TR 85-06). C. Due to the increasing size of the Festival and Rodeo each year, and in order to more effectively plan, finance, and coordinate the Festival Activities among the clubs, sponsors, and participants it has become necessary to establish an Executive Committee to represent the Festival Committee and Rodeo Committees by supervising and assisting in their coordination of their activities. **TITLE I. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. Section 102.** The National Council hereby authorizes the establishment of an Executive Committee to plan, finance, and assist in the coordination of the Festival and Rodeo activities among both clubs. **Section 103.** The Executive Committee shall be responsible for supervising the collecting and dispersement of funds in the name of the Creek Nation Festival and Rodeo Committees. **Section 104.** The National Council hereby establishes the membership as follows: A. One member to serve at the descretion of the Principal Chief. B. One member to serve at the descretion of the Speaker of the National Council. C. One member to represent the Creek Nation Festival Committee, selected by the Festival Committee. D. One member to represent the Creek Nation Riding Club, selected by the Riding Club. F. Term of membership shall be from year to year, effective January 1 of each year. **Section 105. The Executive Committee shall establish Rules of Procedures to govern themselves but shall be accountable to the Principal Chief and the National Council for the following: 1. A budget shall be submitted, in a line item form, of all activities to take place and the amount** each activity will cost. (FOR NATIONAL COUNCIL APPROVAL). 2. Appropriated Funds which have been expanded shall be reported in a Financial Report thirty (30) days after the Festival and Rodeo has ended; and a quarterly report shall be made on a quarterly basis thereafter, on all incoming funds throughout the year from other related business operations established by the committee. 3. The Rodeo and Festival shall not be required to lease tribal lands for the purpose of the annual Rodeo and Festival for Tribal Members, the third week-end in June. (Ref: NCA 86-31) 4. Tribal land leases and leasing fees shall be developed as well as the requirements for leasing of said lands. **Section 106.** All activities in relation to the Creek Nation Sports Omniplex shall fall under the jurisdiction of the Committee as follows: 1. Activities for the Festival and Rodeo Activities; a. User's fees for the Rodeo Arena b. User's fees for the softball fields 2. Gift Shop Operation 3. Cigarette Machine Operations (Tulsa and Okmulgee) 4. Ads, News Releases, Fliers, Posters, etc. 5. Other fees (as required) 6. Activities for Rodeo and Festival; awards/prizes, volleyball, princess pageant, tennis, restroom supplies, portable johns, rodeo, golf, olympics, arts and crafts, insurance, archery, family fun activities, softball, horseshoes, food booths, PA system. **Section 107.** The Principal Chief shall present a line item budget to the National Council no later than February 1 of each year prior to the annual event. **Section 108.** The Principal Chief shall be authorized to expend available tribal funds for implementation of the Festival and Rodeo Activities, with an approved budget having passed the National Council. **TITLE II. COMMITTEE GUIDELINES AND BYLAWS. Section 109.** The executive committee shall: 1) Submit guidelines and procedures for the operation of the Festival Committees by which to function; 2)The Rodeo Committee shall submit an updated set of bylaws; 3) Incorporate those items as part two of the Guidelines for the operation of the Creek Nation Festival and Rodeo; 4) Both being subject to the approval of the National Council. **Section 110.** Upon approval of said documents and an ordinance shall be enacted to repeal TR 76-25 and TR 77-04, allowing the newly established guidelines to become effective. **Section 111.** The established guidelines shall become effective within sixty (60) days after approval of this Ordinance and shall remain in full effect and force until otherwise amended by Ordinance. **Section 112.** For the purpose of the FY-88 Creek Nation Festival and Rodeo the National Council hereby: 1) Appropriates the amount of $46,000 from the Bingo Revenue Account for the implementation of said activities; 2) Authorizes the Principal Chief to expend those funds in accordance to the line item budget as attached; 3) Any appropriated funds unspent shall be returned to the Bingo Revenue Account. The Bill having been read the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Johnson Buck and seconded by Carney Roberts to approve BILL 4-I as read. A motion was made by Ed Frye and seconded by Leah Stacy to add a new items (g). The appointments to this Executive Committee to serve as Members, shall be submitted to the National Council for approval. Upon a motion having been duly make and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: twenty in favor, one against, no abstentions. Voting No was Williams. Motion did carry. The amendment to Bill 4I was approved as read and shall be recorded as such. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded to approve Bill 4-I as amended, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: twelve against, nine in favor and no abstentions. Voting NO were: Cloud, Burden, McIntosh, Frye, Rhodes, Bear, Berryhill, Newton, Thomas, Williams, Primeaux and Kamp. Voting YES were: Gilroy, Buck, Cleghorn, Roberts, Chupco, Stacy, Wilson, Little, and Dunson. Motion did not carry. The Bill was not approved and shall be recorded as such.

ANNOUNCEMENTS REPORTS

MAY 12, Planning Session, 6:00 p.m. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned by a unanimous vote of approval.

May 12, 1988 Special Session

INVOCATION: Jonas Dunson

CALL TO ORDER: Kenneth L. Childers, Speaker

ROLL CALL: A quoroum was declared with nineteen members present and seven members absent. All business conducted will be considered valid and entered into the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Code of Laws as such. Roll call was as follows: Those present were; Almerigi, Bear, Berryhill, Buck, Childers, Chupco, Cleghorn, Cloud, Dunson, Frye, Kamp, Little, Newton, Primeaux, Rhodes, Stacy, Thomas, Williams, Wilson. Absent were; Bible, Buck, Burden, Gilroy, Johnson, McIntosh, Roberts.

The Speaker informed the Council that he received a letter with the required signatures requesting a Special Session to be held to discuss the Creek Nation Festival and Rodeo. The letter read as follows: May 12, 1988 Kenneth L. Childers, Speaker/ National Council/Muscogee (Creek) Nation. SUBJECT: SPECIAL SESSION. RE: Creek Nation Festival and Rodeo, We, the undersigned, request a Special Session for Thursday, May 12, 1988 to discuss the Creek Nation Festival and Rodeo. Sincerely, /s/Frank E. Kamp, Thomas P. Berryhill, Jerry Wilson, Barton Williams, Roy Bear, Harley Little, Kenneth L. Childers/tmb. The BILL was read and considered as follows:

5A A BILL OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION ESTABLISHING AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO COORDINATE THE FY-88 CREEK NATION FESTIVAL & RODEO: AND APPROPRIATING BINGO REVENUE FUNDS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FESTIVAL AND RODEO ACTIVITIES. Section 101. Findings. The National Council finds that: A. The Creek Nation Festival and Rodeo has been held as an annual event the third weekend of June for the past fourteen years, and each year an investment of tribal other funds to conduct the activities has been required from tribal and other available funds. **Section 102.** The National Council hereby authorizes the establishment of an Executive Committee consisting of four members, to plan, finance, and assist in the coordination of the Festival and Rodeo activities among both clubs for 1988. **Section 103.** The National Council hereby approves of the following persons to serve on the Creek Nation Festival and Rodeo Executive Committee: Harvey Gilroy, Creek Nation Rodeo Assoc., Carney Roberts, Creek Nation Riding Club, Bob Arrington, Tribal Affairs, Creek Nation Rodeo Assoc., and Bob Davis, Controller, Creek Nation Rodeo Assoc. **Section 104.** The Executive Committee may select a sub-committee who shall serve at the descretion of the Executive Committee. **Section 105.** The terms of the membership shall begin upon approval of this Ordinance and shall expire July 30, 1988. **Section 106.** The National Council, for the purpose of implementing the FY-88 Creek Nation Festival and Rodeo, appropriates the amount of $46,000 from the Bingo Revenue Account. **Section 107.** The Principal Chief is authorized to expend appropriated Bingo Revenue funds for the implementation of the Creek Nation Festival and Rodeo activities as prescribed. **Section 108.** The Executive Committee shall be required to provide a financial report of the appropriated funds thirty days after the Festival and Rodeo has ceased. The BILL having been read the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Micky Primeaux and seconded by Barton Williams to approve the BILL as read. A motion was made by Jerry Wilson and seconded by Roy Bear to amend the BILL at Section 102 by changing the word authorizes to recognizes, Section 103 by changing the word approves to recognizes and changing in the title the word establishing to recognizes. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Fourteen in favor, three against, one abstention. Voting yes were: Almerigi, Bear, Berryhill, Robert Buck, Chupco, Cleghorn, Cloud, Dunson, Frye, Little, Newton, Thomas, Williams, and Wilson. Voting No were; Kamp, Primeaux, Stacy. Absent were; Bible, Johnson Buck, Burden, Gilroy, Johnson, McIntosh, Roberts. Donna Rhodes abstained. Motion carried. A motion was made by Jonas Dunson and seconded by Jerry Wilson to change the date in Section 105 to August. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Eleven in favor, seven against, no abstentions. Those voting yes: Almerigi, Bear, Berryhill, Robert Buck, Chupco, Dunson, Frye, Little, Rhodes, Williams, Wilson. Voting No were: Cleghorn, Cloud, Kamp, Newton, Primeaux, Stacy, Thomas. Absent were; Bible, Johnson Buck, Burden, Gilroy, Johnson, McIntosh, Roberts. Motion carried. Upon a motion duly made and seconded BILL 5A was approved as amended with the voting results being: Eleven in favor, five against, two abstentions. Voting yes were; Almerigi, Bear, Robert Buck, Chupco, Cleghorn, Cloud, Dunson, Frye, Newton, Primeaux, Wilson.

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Voting no were; Kamp, Rhodes , Stacy Thomas, Williams. Berryhill and Little abstained. Motion carried. BILL 5A was approved as amended. Meeting adjourned.
BENEDICTION: Thomas P. Berryhill

May 21, 1988 REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING

INVOCATION: Thomas Berryhill
Pat Doan, Spokesperson for the Creek Indian Memorial Association gave a welcoming speech to the members of the National Council; this meeting was held in the House of Warriors in the Creek Council House and Museum.
CALL TO ORDER: Kenneth L. Childers, Speaker
ROLL CALL: A roll call vote was taken with nineteen members being present, seven members absent. The roll call was as follows: Present- Williams, Bible, Bear, Burden, Cloud, Dunson, Wilson, Frye, Cleghorn, Little, McIntosh, Almerigi, Roberts, Childers, Rhodes, Berryhill, Thomas, Kamp and Stacy. Absent were; Gilroy, Primeaux, Chupco, Johnson Buck, Robert Buck, Clyde Johnson and Tommy Newton.

A quorum was declared with nineteen members being present, and the Speaker declared that the business transacted during this session to be considered valid and would be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws.

The Speaker called on the Principal Chief to give a short presentation and welcome speech to the Council members.

The Speaker called on Glenda Sullivan to give a short presentation of a fashion show of Creek Traditional dress, modeled by the Indian children of the Title IV-JOM with the Okmulgee Public School System.

MINUTES: April 30,1988 Special Session; and May 12, Special Session. The Chair entertained a motion for the approval of the April 30, Special Session.A motion was made by Harley Little and seconded by Jerry Wilson to approve the April 30, Special Session as read. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being eighteen in favor, none against and No abstensions. May 12 Special Session the Chair entertained a motion for the approval of these minutes. A motion was made by Jerry Wilson and seconded by Donna Rhodes to approve the minutes as read. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being Eighteen in favor, none against and no abstensions.
ORDER OF BUSINESS:
1. Old Business- None
2. New Business shall be conducted as follows:

5-B A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Authorizing the Funding and Employment of Legal Counsel to Provide Services to the National Council of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. The Bill was read and considered as follows: Section 101. Findings. A. The need exists for the National Council and its various committees to have the services of Legal Counsel. B. Authority for the National Council to employ Legal Counsel is found at Article VI, Section 7 (f) of the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. **Section 102.** The amount of ten thousand (10,000) dollars is hereby appropriated from "Bingo" revenues to be used as compensation for all services of Legal Counsel. Legal Counsel shall be selected and retained by a majority vote of the National Council. **Section 103** Appropriated funds not used by the end of the FY-88 shall be returned to the "Bingo Revenue Account". The Bill having been read the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Burden and seconded by Stacy to approve Bill 5-B as read. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Nineteen in favor, none against, no abstentions. Motion carried, Bill 5-B was approved as read and shall be recorded as such.
5-C A Bill of The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Amending NCA 87-49 Appropriating Tax Revenues for the Operation of Tribal Courts. The Bill was read and considered as follows: Section 101. Findings. The National Council finds that a supplemental appropriation is necessary for the operation of the Tribal Courts. **Section 102. NCA 87-49 is hereby amended at Section 102 to read as follows: Section 104 The National Council hereby authorizes the following appropriation from tax revenues for the operations of the Judicial Branch.**

	Initital Appropriation	Supplemental Appropriation	Total Appropriation
Word Processing & Computer Equip	$2,990.00	$125.00	$3,115.00
Tables, Chairs, for staff & Judges	2,561.00	-0-	2,561.00
Courtroom Seating	5,000.00	-0-	5,000.00
Stipends & other Operational Costs	15,000.00	16,933.00	31,933.00
Deputy Clerk & Fringe	13,401.70		
Travel, Supplies,	6,000.00		
Court Appointed Attorney	12,531.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
	$25,551.00	$20,058.00	$45,609.00

The BILL having been read the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Williams and seconded by Dunson to approve the BILL as read. A motion was made by Rhodes and seconded by Stacy to amend the BILL by adding a new section to read, "Any money remaining unspent will revert back to the Tax Revenue Account, as of September 30, 1988. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Nineteen in favor, none against, no abstentions. Motion did carry, the amendment was approved as read and shall be recorded as such. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded for the approval of Bill 5-C, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Nineteen in favor, none against, no abstentions. Motion carried. Bill 5-C was approved as amended.
ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION: None
OTHER BUSINESS: None
REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, OTHER: Planning Session will be held on June 16, at 6:00 p.m. A meeting on the LARC Theme Feasibility Study, will be held at the Sapulpa Vo-Tech at 3:30 p.m., May 26. Chief was asked to check into a dialysis machine for a 73-year old woman. The Speaker was asked to request a retraction of the statement in the Muscogee Nation News regarding the funding for the Creek Festival. Reference CHR Vehicle, if this vehicle is available, and the requesting party can provide gas, is it possible for the CHR to transport patient to the clinics? Helen Chupco requested that a letter be written to the administration requesting a vendor who would provide funeral assistance in each district, be located and made known to each representative in each district.
ADJOURNMENT

JULY 14, 1988 Special Session

CALL TO ORDER: Kenneth L. Childers, Speaker
The Speaker read the letter from 25% of the National Council members, which requested a Special Called Session for Thursday, July 14, 1988 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the "Amendment to NCA 83-17 Regarding Surplus Property," and called the Special Session to order.
ROLL CALL: A quorum was declared with eighteen members present. Roll call was as follows: Present- Almerigi, Burden, Cleghorn, Frye, Newton, Williams, Bear, Childers, Cloud, Gilroy, Primeaux, Chupco, Dunson, Clyde Johnson, McIntosh, Rhodes, Thomas, Wilson. Absent: Bible, Kamp, Roberts, Buck, Little, Stacy, Berryhill, Robert Buck. The BILL was read and considered as follows: **Section 101.** The National Council finds that: A. These items considered surplus property could be used by the Chartered Indian Communities listed for their Community needs. B. The community should delegate a representative of the Community with verification, to come to the Tribal Complex and pick these items up on a first-come, first-serve basis. **Section 102. Tribal Ordinance,** NCA 83-17 is hereby amended at Section 105 by deleting the existing language and inserting in its place, "Property which appears on the surplus property list may be granted to any Muscogee (Creek) Indian Community, churches, or ceremonial grounds upon request five days prior to the public notice for sale". Property may be granted on a first come, first serve basis. The Bill having been read; the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Williams and seconded by Frye to approve the Bill 7-A as read. The Chair entertained discussion. A motion was made by Chupco and seconded by Rhodes to amend the Bill by adding to the end of Section 102 the phrase "vechicles shall be deleted from the property list and shall not be available to the community." Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded to amend this Bill the Chair took a roll calll vote as follows: Thirteen in Favor, four against no abstentions. Voting Yes were: Almerigi, Cloud, Gilroy, Wilson, Chupco, Bear, Dunson, Johnson, McIntosh, Rhodes, Cleghorn, Newton and Williams. Voting NO were: Burden, Primeaux, Thomas, and Frye. Motion carried, the amendment was approved as read. A motion was made by Almerigi and seconded by Wilson to sent this Bill to committee. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded the chair called for the roll call vote as follows: Seven in favor, ten against, no abstentions. Voting Yes were: Almerigi, Gilroy, Wilson, Thomas, Johnson, Chupco, Dunson. Voting No were: Burden, Cloud, Primeaux, Rhodes, McIntosh, Bear, Newton, Cleghorn, Frye and Williams. The motion did not carry. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded by Williams and seconded by Frye to approve Bill 7-A, a roll call vote was taken as follows: Thirteen in favor, four against, no abstentions. Voting YES were: Cloud, Primeaux, Chupco, Dunson, Rhodes, Thomas, Wilson, McIntosh, Frye, Newton, Cleghorn, Williams. Voting NO were: Almerigi, Burden, Gilroy, Bear. Motion carried, the Bill 7-A was approved as amended.
ADJOURNMENT: By a unanimous decision, the meeting was adjourned.
BENEDICTION: Jonas Dunson

SPECIAL SESSION: JUNE 16, 1988

INVOCATION: Thomas P. Berryhill
CALL TO ORDER: Kenneth L.Childers, Speaker
The Speaker informed that he did receive a letter with the required number of signatures to call a Special Session.
ROLL CALL: Roll call was taken with the results being: Nineteen present and seven absent. Absent were: Almerigi, Bible, Robert Buck, Dunson, Gilroy, Primeaux, Roberts. A quorum was declared and all business shall be considered valid and entered into the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Code of Laws as such.
6-A A Bill of The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Requesting Funding For the Checotah Indian Community Smokeshop. A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Johnson to suspend reading the Bill and to approve the Bill as presented. The Bill was presented as follows: **Section 101.** A need exists for the Checotah Indian Community to increase the inventory in their Smokeshop. **Section 102.** The Principal Chief is hereby authorized to GRANT the sum of twenty thousand ($20,000) dollars to the Checotah Indian Community for the purpose of: (a) $17,000 to increase the inventory of tobacco products. (b) $3,000 for Smokeshop expense. **Section 103.** The Checotah Indian Community believes that the Muscogee (Creek) Nation will recover this GRANT, in full, during the first year of operation through tobacco taxes from the Tax Revenue Account and shall be furnished to the Checotah Indian Community within five (5) days of the date of this ordinance. Upon a motion duly made and seconded the Bill was approved with the voting results being: Eighteen in favor, none against, no abstentions.
ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned by unanimous decision.
BENEDICTION: Thomas P. Berryhill

JUNE 25 REGULAR SESSION

INVOCATION: Jonas Dunson
CALL TO ORDER: Kenneth Childers, Speaker
ROLL CALL: A roll call was taken and a quorum was declared with 25 members present, one member absent. Not attending was George Almerigi.
The Speaker called on Claude A. Cox, the Principal Chief to give a presentation. The Chief introduced Robert Anderson, a representative of the LARC Theme Park.
THE MINUTES of the April 30, Quarterly Session; May 21 Special Session and the June 16 Special Session were considered as follows: The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Harley Little and seconded by Jerry Wilson to postpone the approval of minutes for the April 30 Quarterly Session for corrections. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty-four in Favor, None Against, No Abstensions.
The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Jerry Wilson and seconded by Donna Rhodes to approve the minutes of the May 21 Special Session as read. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty-four in Favor, None Against and No Abstensions. The Chair entertained a motion for the approval of the May 16 Special Sesion. A motion was made by Robert Buck and seconded by Harley Little to approve the minutes as read. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty-four in Favor, None Against, No Abstensions.
ORDER OF BUSINESS
Veto Message From the Principal Chief- As Principal Chief, I Claude A. Cox, do hereby return NCA 88-22 entitled "Amending NCA 81-13" to the National Council with objections as follows: **Objection:** The legislation attempts to amend NCA 81-13 in a manner in conflict with the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. The tribal government currently operates under personnel policies and procedures created and organized by the Office of the Principal Chief in accordance with constitutional

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requirements. The subject document, established in February, 1978 and revised on several occasions, has been reviewed, analyzed, and discussed by branches of tribal government since its inception. A goal of this administration during this term is to completely revise and update the personnel policies and procedures. While attempting to amend NCA 81-13 is unconstitutional without being first proposed by this office, avenues do exist for input into the policies and procedures revision process.

Recommendation: Since the legislation as passed is unconstitutional and cannot be fulfilled, no further action is required It is further recommended that National Council members forward input on revision of the personnel policies and procedures to this office for consideration.

The message having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Frank Kamp and seconded by Bill Burden to override the veto message. Upon motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty in Favor, Five Against, No Abstensions. Those opposed were, Gilroy, Chupco, Johnson Buck, Robert Buck, Johnson. Motion carried. The veto message returning NCA 88-28 to the National Council with Objections. The message was read and considered as follows: As Principal Chief, I Claude A. Cox, do hereby return NCA 88-28 entitled "Authorizing the Funding and Employment of Legal Counsel to Provide Services to the National Council of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation" to the National Council with the following objections: **Objection One:** Contracting is Constitutionally an Executive Branch Function. In accordance with the Tribal Constitution contracting for services to the tribal government is a function of the Executive Branch. In the case of attorney services, the only legal and constituional requirements are that the Legislative Branch authorize the Principal Chief to negotiate and execute an attorney contract and that the contract must be approved by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Objection Two: No mechanism exists for the National Council to retain and pay for attorney services. In addition to constitutional issues, practical consideration also precludes the National Council from retaining and paying for attorney services. Should individuals within the National Council retain the services of an attorney, there is no system by which payment could be processed by the National Council. Any claims for services so incurred would be the responsibility of the individual authorizing the service and not the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. **Recommendation:** Since the ordinance as written is neither constitutional nor practical and consequently cannot be fulfilled, no further action is required. However, this office will support legislation for increased funding and staff for the Office of Justice which will serve all branches of the government. Therefore, NCA 88-28 is hereby returned as a veto to the National Council.

The message having been read was considered as follows: the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Frank Kamp and seconded by Tommy Newton to override the veto. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Nineteen in Favor, Six Against, No Abstensions. Those opposed were Gilroy, Chupco, Johnson Buck, Roberts, Robert Buck, Johnson.

Motion carried. The veto message returning NCA 88-28 was over-ridden and shall be recorded as such.

6-B A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Establishing the Muscogee (Creek) Gaming Rights Fund. The Bill was read and considered as follows: **Section 100.** Be it enacted by the Muscogee Nation in Council Assembled: **Section 101.** Findings. The National Council finds that **A.** The Muscogee (Creek) Nation benfits from its gaming operations; **B.** Indian Gaming Legislation introduced in the U.S. Congress requires constant monitoring by the Tribe to ensure that the legislation is in the best interest in the tribe; **C.** The need exists for the establishment of a sustaining fund to aid in the protection of tribal interest and rights in the U.S. Congress, and the U.S. Courts, on gaming issues which could affect tribal gaming rights. **Section 102.** There is hereby levied a ten cent (.10) consumer tax on each and every bingo packet which is sold in any Creek Nation Bingo Facility within the boundaries of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation's jurisdiction for the purpose of establishing a gaming rights fund for the protection of tribal gaming rights. (Auth. NCA 86-08 Section 101. A (3)). **Section 103. The Tax Commisioner shall require each bingo facility operator to submit a monthly tac report and pay in tax due. Section 104.** The Tax Commissioner shall deposit the monies in the Tribal Treasury in an interest bearing account titled Muscogee (Creek) Nation Gaming Rights Fund. **Section 105.** No funds shall be expended until appropriated by Ordinance.

The Bill having been read was considered as follows: The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Jerry Wilson and seconded by Harley Little to postpone this Bill. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Thirteen in Favor, Eleven Against, No Abstensions. Those opposed were Burden, Cloud, Primeaux, Frye, Cleghorn, McIntosh, Berryhill, Thomas, Newton, Kamp, Stacy. Motion did carry. The Bill was postponed.

6-C A Resolution Supporting the Preservation of "Oce Vpo Fv" (Hickory Ground) In the State of Alabama. The Ordinance was read and considered as follows: **Title** The Muscogee (Creek) Nation supporting the Preservation of "Oce Vpo Fv" (Hickory Ground) in the state of Alabama. **Source** Poarch Creek Tribal Members of Hvsossv Tallahassee Ceremonial Group. **Date** June 13, 1988. Inroduced by Thomas P. Berryhill.

Purpose. To support opposition to construction over the ancient ceremonial site of "Oce vpo fv" and re-enforce its historic and spiritual value to all Mvskoke people. **Findings.** The Muscogee (Creek) National Council, after receiving urgent communications and adequate material by concerned Poarch Creek Members substantiating and giving credence to opposition of pending construction over this sacred site finds that the historic and ancient sacred sites of the Mvskoke people must be protected and preserved. **Declaration of Purpose.** The Muscogee (Creek) National Council declares the need to support; and recommend the ceasing of construction over said site to the BIA and all agencies concerned with the Archaeological, Historical and Spiritual preservations of such sites, also declares lawful protection of sacred sites. **Resolution Body.** WHEREAS, the Muscogee National Council determines to uphold all intent to protect and preserve these sites namely at this point in the Old Hickory site which is located on the east bank of Coosa River, south of the present day Wetumpka, approximately two miles above the French Fort Toulouse in the State of Alabama; and WHEREAS, 35.8 acres was purchased by the Poarch Band of Creek Indians with funds provided by the Department of Interior, Heritage Conservation and Recreation Services, through the assistance of the Alabama Historical Commision. All 35.8 acres is protected by covenant, were the tribe to agree to protect the archaeological and cultural integrity of the site until the year 2000, the entire 35.8 acres is on the National Register of Historic Places as Hickory Ground.

WHEREAS, the Muscogee (Creek) Council is cognizant and well aware that our ancient homeland is east of the Mississippi and embraces many historic sites of the sacred Fires of our varied and noble tribes, also realizing our historic religious uniqueness and the power of such which is attached to those places we must not forget that these sacred sites were vitally important to ancient Mvskoke cohesiveness and at present influences continually because of those historic values and its spiritual significances.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, the Muscogee (Creek) National Council herein supports, affirms and recommends to the BIA and all agencies concerned the opposition to construction that has the potential to destroy the historical and religious value of said site.

The Resolution having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Harley Little and seconded by Helen Chupco to postpone the action on this Resolution; and prior to the National Council making a decision on this resolution send someone down to Alabama and do some research on the problem and have those persons report back to the Council with their findings. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty-four in favor, one against and no abstensions. Those opposed: Jerry Wilson. Motion carried. The Resolution was postponed and shall be recorded as such. (The Speaker appointed Thomas P. Berryhill and Jonas Dunson to travel to Alabama to do this research).

6-B A Resolution Supporting and Endorsing the Telegram Dispatched to President Reagan. The Resolution read as follows: **Section 100.** Be it enacted by the Muscogee National Council Assembled: **Section 101.** We, the District Representatives, in behalf of the Tribal Citizens of the Creek Tribe of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, hereby express our deep regret and dismay concerning statements directed towards the American Indians by Ronald Reagan, President, U.S.A. (May 31,1988 Moscow Summit Meetings).**Section 102.** We are strongly committed to the enduring principles of tribal sovereignty, self-determination, tribal economic development and the preservation of Indian Cultures. **Section 103.** Therefore, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation endorses, in whole, the telegram dispatched to President Reagan on June 2, 1988, by the United Indian Nations of Oklahoma which reads as follows: We, the United Indian Nations of Oklahoma, representing over 100,000 Native American citizens of this state - and the United States - wish to express our vehement protest concerning your remarks, delivered at Moscow State University on May 31, concerning Native Americans. We do not consider ourselves to have been "humored" by the United States' continued recognition of our right to maintain our cultures. Indeed, as our ancestors have resided here for thousands of years preceding the formation of the United States, our right to preserve our cultures, and to not be subjected to cultural genocide, is a matter of right, not a federal gratuity. Your statement on Indian policy of January 24, 1983, recognized the "right of each tribe to set its own priorities and goals", and to pursue the policy of self-government and self-determination. Furthermore, as yourself recognized in 1983, "the Constitution, treaties, laws and court decisions have recognized a unique political relationship between Indian tribes and the United States" which you at that time pledged to uphold. Despite these promises, as you again recognized, Indian people continue to live in poverty at a rate double that of other Americans, and have unemployment rates among the highest in the country. In light of these facts, we call upon you to publicly recommit yourself to the policies of self-determination and economic development as reflected in part, by your 1983 policy statement. Furthermore, we strenuosly urge that you publicly commit yourself to recognition of the federal trust responsibility, which includes the protection of Indian trust property,the right to self-government and provision of those social, medical and educational services necessary for the advancement of Indian tribes.In light of the cloud on federal Indian policy which has been created by your recent Moscow statements, we urge not only your rededication to these principles, but also a policy of frequent and earnest consultation with the duly elected officials of tribal governments in order to agressively work toward these ends.**Section 104.** We feel this telegram constitutes an appropriate and correct response to his recent statements. **Section 105. Furthermore, we strongly urge President Reagan to publicly recommit United States Policy to the principles of tribal sovereignty and self-determination, to the preservation of tribal cultures, and to all actions necessary to improve the economic conditions of Indian peoples and tribes. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Jonas Dunson and seconded by Roy Bear to approve Bill 6-D** as read. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty-four in Favor, Two Against, No abstensions. Those opposed: Johnson Buck, Clyde Johnson. Motion carried.

A Bill 6-E entitled Muscogee (Creek) Nation Appropriating Funds to Acquire an Established Business and all Related Property and Equipment Known as Fashioncraft Industries, Located in Henryetta, Ok. The Bill was read and considered as: Section 101. Findings. The National Council finds that: A. A priority of the Muscogee Nation is to establish Economic Development to provide income for the Nation and to provide employment and training for citizens of the nation. B. An established business which is known as FASHIONCRAFT INDUSTRIES has been located in Henryetta, Oklahoma, which would provide income for the Nation and employment and training for citizens of the Nation. C, A favorable feasibility study has been completed by the Commissioner of Public Gaming, William E. Foster, with the assistance of Tim Harper, an employee of the Office of the Commissioner of Public Gaming of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. The validity of the feasibility study hads been confirmed by National Council Representatives Williams and Kamp. **Section 102.** The Principal Chief is hereby authorized to negotitate for, and purchase FASHIONCRAFT INDUSTRIES, which is located in Henryetta, Oklahoma. The total purchase price shall not exceed nine hundred seventy-five thousand ($975,000) dollars, which is itemized as follows:

1. Buidling and Property	$475,000
2. Inventory	150,000
3. Equipment and Business Capital	250,000
4. Operating Capital	100,000
	Total $975,000

Section 103. A contract for the purchase of FASHIONCRAFT INDUSTRIES shall be completed by the Principal Chief no later than July 15, 1988. **Section 104.** The Management and Operation of FASHIONCRAFT INDUSTRIES shall continue as presently established until a permanent Comprehensive Management Plan has been established by Ordinance. **Section 105.** The Permanent Comprehensive Management plan shall be established by co-operative efforts of the Executive and Legislative branches of Tribal Government, and shall be established within sixty (60) days of the date of this Ordinance. **Section 106.** Funds, not to exceed nine hundred seventy-five thousand ($975,000) dollars are hereby appropriated from any available source under the control of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, for the purchase of FASHIONCRAFT

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INDUSTRIES. **Section 107.** Within thirty (30) days of the purchase of FASHIONCRAFT INDUSTRIES the Principal Chief shall furnish to the National Council complete documentation, copies of cancelled checks, copies of sales agreements, etc., that will verify the expenditure of all funds for this project. **Section 108.** Upon approval of this "Bill", it shall be presented to the Principal Chief on June 17, 1988. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Williams and seconded by Stacy to approve Bill 6-E. A motion was made by Barton Williams and seconded by Leah Stacy to amend the bill as follows: **Amend section 103 by changing the date of July 15, 1988 to August 15, 1988; Amend section 105 by deleting the current wording and adding: The management shall be one person from the administration appointed by the Principal Chief, one person from the National Council appointed by the Speaker, three business people appointed by the Principal Chief and approved by the National Council; amend Section 106 by inserting the word 'after' and the word 'from' the Bingo Revenue Account and deleting the rest of the sentence; Further amending the Bill by deleting sections 107 and 108. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty-four in Favor, None Against, No Abstensions. Motion carried.**

Upon a motion having duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty-four in favor,none against, no abstensions. Motion carried. The amendment was approved as read.

Additional Amendment. A motion was made by Clyde Johnson and seconded by Carney Roberts to amend **Bill 6-E** at **Section 102** of the total and **Section 106** in the dollar figure from $975,000 to $750,000. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the vote being as follows: Sixteen Against, Six in Favor, Two Abstensions. Those in Favor: Roberts, Cleghorn, Rhodes,Johnson, Gilroy and Little. Newton and Johnson Buck abstained. Motion did not carry.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION.

6-F Nomination of Billy Dowdy to the Citizenship Board; 6-G A Nomination of *Charlie Litsey to the Citizenship Board;6-H A Bill Reserving receipts for the BIA-IIM Accounts;* 6-I Appropriating Funds for an Air Conditioner at Eufaula; 6-J Amending NCA 87-30 Medical Aid Services Program.

The Chair entertained a motion to place these items on the agenda for consideration. A motion was made by Jerry Wilson and seconded by Harley Little to add a new Bill regarding Indian Country to the top of the Agenda moving all others down. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Fifteen Against, Six in Favor, Two Abstensions. Those in favor were Williams, Wilson, Little, McIntosh, Berryhill, Kamp. Abstaining were Burden and Chupco. Motion did not carry.

A motion was made by Jerry Wilson and seconded by Helen Chupco to add these items to the Agenda under Items for Consideration. Upon a motion having beeb duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty in Favor, Three Against, No Abstensions. Those against were Bible, and Stacy. Motion carried.

6-F A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Appointing Bill Dowdy, a full citizen to the Citizenship Board. The Bill was read and considered as follows: ***Section 100.*** Be it enacted by the Muscogee Nation in Council Assembled: **Section 101. Findings.** The National Council finds that: **A.** The Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation establishes a Citizenship Board composed of five citizen members. **B.** The Principal Chief hs submitted the name of Bill Dowdy, a full citizen, for appointment to the Citizenship Board. **Section 103.** The National Council hereby confirms the appointment to the Citizenship Board as follows: Bill Dowdy, effective on confirmation to June 1, 1988 to June 1, 1989.

The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Larry Bible and seconded by Jonas Dunson to approve Bill 6-F as read. Upon a motion having been duly made and seonded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty-two in favor, one against, no abstentions. Voting no was Berryhill. The motion carried.

6-G A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Appointing Charlie Litsey, a Full Citizen to the Citizenship Board. The Bill was read and considered as follows: Section 101. Findings. The National Council finds that: A. The Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation establishes a Citizenship Board composed of tribal Citizens as members. B. The Principal Chief has submitted the name of Charlie Litsey, a full-citizen, for appointment to the Citizenship Board. **Section 102.** The National Council hereby confirms the re-appointment to the Citizenship Board as follows: Charlie Litsey, effective, upon confirmation to June 1, 1988 to June 1, 1989. The Bill having been read the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Dunson and seconded by Johnson Buck to approve Bill 6-G as read. Upon a motion having been made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Fifiteen in favor, eight against, no abstentions. Voting YES were: Williams, Bear, Bible, Wilson, Dunson, Gilroy, Cloud, Frye, Chupco, Little, Buck, Roberts, Johnson, Thomas, Stacy. Voting NO were: Primeaux, Burden, McIntosh, Cleghorn, Kamp, Newton, Berryhill, Rhodes. Motion carried. Bill 6-G was approved as read and shall be recorded as such.

6-H A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Appropriating Funds for Air-Conditioning in the Eufaula Indian Community Center, (Bingo Operation). The Bill was read and considered as follows: Section 101. 3Findings. A. The Eufaula Indian Community operates a successful "Bingo" game which has proven to be a source of income for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and the Eufaula Indian Community. B. Due to the increasing number of participants during the "Bingo" sessions the air-conditioning system in the center is not adequate to maintain a comfortable temperture for the participants during the bingo session. **Section 102.** The Principal Chief is hereby authorized to expend the amount of Five ($5,000) dollars from the Muscogee Nation Tabacco Tax Account to add to the air-conditioning system in the Eufaula Indian Community Center. **Section 103.** The funds shall be expended within ten (10) days of the date of this Ordinance. **Section 104.** Funds that are not expended for the above shall be returned to the Muscogee Tobacco Tax Account. The Bill having been read the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Frank Kamp and seconded by Tommy Newton to approve the Bill as read. A motion was made by Frank Kamp and Tommy Newton to amend the Bill at Section 102 by changing the dollar figure of $5,000 to $10,000. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty-three in Favor, None Against and No Abstensions. The amendment was approved as read.

Upon a motion having been made to approve Bill 6-H, a roll call vote was taken with the results being Twenty-two in Favor, None Against and One Abstension. Abstaining was Sandy McIntosh. Motion did carry.

6-I A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Amending NCA 87-30 Medical Aid Services Program. The Bill was read as follows: **Section 100**. Be it enacted by the Muscogee Nation in Council Assembled: **Section 101.** The National Council finds that **A.** Monies are extremely low and there is a need for additional funding to make it through the remainder of the fiscal year.**B.** It was the consensus of the Committee, at the last meeting, that once money was running low the Committee would be notified and an appropriation would be made. **Section 102.** Tribal Ordinance NCA 87-30 is hereby amended at Section 103, the budget for Emergency Medical Aid Services shall increase by an additional $5,000 with the monies being appropriated from the Bingo Revenue Accounts.

The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Jerry Wilson and seconded by Larry Bible to approve the Bill as read. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty-two in Favor, None Against and No Abstensions. Motion did carry.

OTHER BUSINESS

Bills. 6-J and 6-K appeared under other business and the Chair entertained a motion to add these items to the agenda for consideration. A motion was made by Jerry Wilson and seconded by Donna Rhodes to place the items on the agenda. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty-two in favor, None Against, No Abstensions. Motion carried.

6-J A bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Supporting the National Indian Education Association 20th Annual Conference and Appropriating Support Funds. Section 100 Be it enacted by the Muskogee Nation in Council Assembled: **Section 101.** The Muscogee (Creek) National Council finds that**A.** That the National Indian Education Association plans to hold this 20th annual conference in the political boundaries of the Creek Nation on November 13 through November 17, 1988. **B.** That this NIEA conference will attract nearly 20,000 Indians from various tribes across the Nation to promote open forum of Indian Education issues. **C.** The Citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation would benefit from Legislative proposals NIEA submits to Congress. **Section 102.** Declaration of Policy. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation declares a policy, a support to the National Indian Education Association and their Annual Conference hosted by the Oklahoma Council for Indian Education.**Section 103.** Financial Support. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation hereby appropriates $5,000 from the Bingo Revenues account to financially support the 20th annual conference at NIEA which would mutually benefit our Creek Citizens. **Section 104** The Principal Chief is hereby directed upon of this Ordinance to be paid out of Bingo Funds a sum of $5,000 to the Oklahoma Council for Indian Education who will be the host.

The Bill was not read during the session, per a motion made by Jerry Wilson and seconded by Carney Roberts, however it is to be entered into the recording of these minutes as though it were.

Upon a motion having been made and seconded to omit the reading of the Bill, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty-two in Favor, None Against, No Abstensions. The motion did carry.

6-K A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Taking Legislative Action Against Indian Country, USA, INC., for Failure to Comply with Contractual obligations, Court Orders, and Rules and Regulations of NCA 84-04. This Bill was not read per motions. A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Little to approve the bill as presented, but to omit the reading of the Bill and insert into the recording of these minutes as though it were read. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: twenty in favor, two against and no abstentions. Those voting NO were: Primeaux and Cleghorn. Motion carried. The Bill was not read, but shall be entered into the journal of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation as though it had been read. The Bill as presented to the full Council for approval: Section 101. Findings. The National Council finds that: A. Muscogee (Creek) Nation ex rel, Wm. E. Foster, Gaming Commissioner has received a judgement against Indian Country U.S.A., INC. in Case CV. 86-02 (SC/86-03) for money damages which has not been paid. **B.** Furthermore, Muscogee (Creek) Nation believes Indian Country U.S.A., Inc. is in breach of its contract with the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, and the contractural relationship between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and Indian Country U.S.A., Inc. is utterly destroyed and incapable of maintenance.***Section 102.*** The Gaming Commission is hereby directed and authorized to: **A.** Revoke the license of Indian Country U.S.A., Inc. for failing to meet the contractural obligations, as decreed by the Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation in case CV. 86-02 (SC/86-03), pursuant to NCA 84-04, Section 203 B. (7) and (8). **B.** Petition the court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation to declare that Indian Country U.S.A., Inc. is in breach of contract for failure to comply with contract provisions, and that the contract is therefore terminated, and that provable damages and costs are therefore due the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. **C.** Petition the Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation to issue a restraining order against Indian Country U.S.A. Inc. barring their representatives from entering or conducting business on any tribal land. **D.** Petition the Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation for a lien on all the assets of Indian Country U.S.A., Inc. that are located on tribal land and to authorize the Muscogee (Creek) Nation to hold these assets offset against monies owed to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, or otherwise to take steps to reduce to judgement or collect any money owed Muscogee (Creek) Nation by Indian Country U.S.A., Inc. **Section 103 A.** The Principal Chief is directed and authorized to take any steps necessary to relieve Indian Country U.S.A., Inc. of their responsibility as manager of the Creek Nation Bingo operation in Tulsa. **B.** ThePrincipal Chief is directed and authorized to enforce compliance with court orders against Indian Country U.S.A., Inc. concerning this matter. **C.** The Principal Chief is hereby authorized to appoint an interim General Manager to allow for the continual operation of the Creek Nation Bingo Hall in Tulsa. **Section 104.** There is hereby appropriated $250,000 from the bingo revenue account for the purpose of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation assuming full management responsibilities of the Creek Nation Bingo Hall in Tulsa. ***Section 105.*** The Principal Chief is hereby authorized to obtain Legal Counsel pending formal approval of an attorney contract concerning this matter; and $10,000 is hereby appropriated from the bingo revenue account for an initial retainer deposit.

The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Frank Kamp and seconded by Barton Williams to amend the Bill at Section 103 (c) by adding the phrase "with consent of the National Council" after the word 'authorized' and before the word 'to'.

Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty in Favor, Two Against, No Abstensions. those opposed were Mickey Primeaux and Irene Cleghorn. Motion carried.

Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded for the approval of 6-K, the Chair took a roll call vote as follows: Thirteen in Favor, Eight Against, One Abstension.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS, ETC. Robert Anderson gave a short presentation on the LARC Theme Park. Planning Session July 14. June 30, Community Services Committee Meeting. Business and Government meeting July 6.

ADJOURNMENT. No other business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned.

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The Wilson Indian Community *economic development project can begin in earnest now that 10 acres of land has been purchased. Five acres each was purchased from two Okmulgee County families living near Wilson. Muscogee (Creek) Nation Principal Chief Claude Cox, (in center of photograph) presented the checks for the land at a deed signing ceremony in his office at the Tribal Complex in Okmulgee. Pictured with Chief Cox are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Vance, on the left, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Adams. The Wilson Community plans to build a community building and a operate a bait shop on the site. -photo by Gary Robinson*

Reagan Signs National Gaming Commission Bill

By Jim Wolfe

With his signature, U.S. President Ronald Reagan established a national commission to regulate and monitor high-stakes gambling on Indian reservations.

Both the House of Representatives and the Senate approved the measure that will create a National Indian Gaming Commission. The tribes and the federal government will have joint regulation of bingo, lotto and certain card games. The new law allows for tribes to have casinos, parimutuel horse and dog racing tracks only if the tribe enters specific contracts with those state governments of those states that have such gaming.

The commission will be composed of five people, three of these must be members of a federally recognized tribe. The U.S. President will appoint the chairman of the commission subject to Senate approval.

Under the terms of the new law, the commission will have the authority to close tribal games permanently, enforce the collection of fines, conduct background investigations of employees and monitor all Indian gaming activities.

Only two classes of gaming will be under the commission's regulation. Class II gaming includes bingo, lotto, and other card games. Class III activities include casinos horse and dog racing and jai-alai.

$2 million has been authorized for the commission's first year of operation. One half of the money will be financed by the gaming tribes through assessments made on the games.

While the new law is a limitation on tribal sovereignty, Muscogee (Creek) nation Gaming Commissioner Bill Foster was quoted in the September 29 issue of the ***Tulsa World*** that "They (the federal government) could have put us under state control."

The Creek's gaming activities fall under Class II gaming. The tribe has defended its sovereign right to have gaming activities without state control or intervention.

Most recent in September 1987, the U.S. 10th Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver, Colorado, ruled that the State of Oklahoma could not force the tribe to collect and remit the state's four percent sales tax on its bingo operations.

Foster who is also chairman of the National Indian Gaming Association, says the changes to accomodate the new law will be a shortening of the tribe's contract with Indian Country U.S.A., Inc., the management company that operates the Tulsa bingo facility. Foster added that the tribe's ordinances regulating gaming activities are among the most stringent in the nation.

With the cutbacks in federal programs and services for Indians during the last eight years, the Creek Nation and other tribes began gaming operations to raise revenues. In the September issue of the ***MNN*** Foster said he anticipated to generate more than $3 million in revenue for the tribe to deliver much needed programs and services. Bingo revenues are used for health services, education and scholarship programs, community projects and economic development and other tribal operations.

Throughout the United States, 105 tribes run bingo operations. 26 of these tribes, nearly one-fourth of the total, are located in Oklahoma.

Hughes County Road Repair through Joint Effort of CN and State

By Kathryn Bell

A seven-mile section of badly-deteriorated road in rural Hughes County was recently repaired through a joint effort of the Creek Nation and the State Department of Transporation.

The estimated cost of the grade, drain and resurfacing project of a nine-mile section of road starting at Lamar was 25% funded by Creek Nation utilizing Bureau of Indian Affairs set-aside monies for road repair, and matched by a 75% federal rural secondary road grant from the Federal Highway Administration.

The total estimated cost of the nine-mile section of road resurfacing is $1, 912, 800, according to Paul Goddard, area engineer with the Local Government Coordination Division of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation.

Creek Nation's 25% of the estimated cost is $478,200.

The project, which started at Horntown and goes past the Creek communities of Lamar and Carson, as well as the Creek Nation Agri-business and ends in Dustin on Highway 9, was broken down into two sections: one containing approximately six miles and the other containing approximately three miles.

These small communities have a high percentage of Creek residents. "We are really happy to see this rural road completed, especially since it serves a lot of our Indian people in that area," said Principal Chief Claude Cox.

The Lamar Community officially expressed it's appreciation to Creek Nation this month at a community meeting which honored State Representative Glen D. Johnson for his assistance in the project. Rep. Johnson invited Chief Cox to attend the event to accept, for Creek Nation, the community's appreciation for their new road.

Okfuskee District Special Election

In accordance with the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Constitution and tribal election laws, a vacancy has been declared in Okfuskee District Seat B on the National Council. A special election has been set for October 29. For more information please see ***page 3***, columns three and four.

Middle Creek to host Carnival and Singing

Middle Creek Baptist Church is hosting a Halloween Carnival and food sale Saturday, October 22 at the church. The food sale begins at 5:00 p.m. There will be costume judging at the carnival. Everyone is welcome and admission is free. Middle Creek will also host a gospel singing on November 19 beginning at 7:30 p.m. Master of ceremonies for the singing is Eastman Factor. All singers, groups and listeners are welcome. Middle Creek number one is located one mile west and six miles south of Dustin off Highway 9.

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Registered Appaloosa to be raffled at NIEA Conference

"Cheyenne Sun Dance", a registered leopard-pattern appaloosa horse (breed developed by the Nez Perce Indians) will be raffled during the upcoming 20th Annual National Indian Education Conference scheduled in Tulsa November 13-27.

Cheyenne Sun Dance is a half-brother to Oort cloud, a 1982 appaloosa stallion that won the 1982 Aged Stallion Class in Halter at the Oklahoma State Fair. Oort Cloud has won many blue ribbons in halter and has qualified for the 1988 World Show. These two horses are out of the same dam and owned by the Lawrence Hart family.

Buy your $1 tickets now from Oklahoma Council for Indian Education members of from the Tulsa 88 NIEA Steering Committee to win this outstanding champion prospect. Tickets will also be on sale at the NIEA Conference. Need not be present to win. For more information call OCIE at 918/665-0595.

Journalism scholarships offered by Native Press

The Native American Press Association (NAPA) is now offering a total of $3,000 in educational scholarships to Native American high school and college students for the 1989-90 school year. Each scholarship winner will receive $500 for his/her post-secondary journalism education.

The scholarships will be awarded at the 5th Annual NAPA Journalism and Education Training Conference scheduled March 2-4, 1989, at the Sheraton-Kensington, in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

To become eligible for the scholarships, students must submit the following: 1) Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood; 2) Official transcripts; 3) Must carry a 2.5 grade point or better; 4) Letter of recommendation; and 5) Published writing samples or photography samples.

Deadline for consideration is February 1, 1989.

Students must submit all of the information to NAPA, c/o Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 1734, Boulder, Colorado 80306.

Muscogee VEV Chapter, Seminole Nation to host Vet Pow-Wow and Dance

The Muscogee Nation Chapter of the Vietnam Era Veterans Inter-tribal Association and the Seminole Nation will sponsor a Veteran's Dance and Pow-Wow at the Expo Center in Shawnee on November 12. The event will honor World War II Indian Codetalkers and a special recognition ceremony will be held for Marcy Skeeter, Tulsa, the Muscogee Nation Chapter of the Vietnam Era Veterans Princess. Marcy is the daughter of Ramona and Archie Mason of Tulsa and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Skeeter of Tulsa.

Have You Moved?

If you have moved or changed your mailing address, inform us at the Muscogee Nation News, so your paper can be sent to you. Write or call in your change of address to: **Creek Nation Communications Dept., P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447** or telephone **918/756-8700, ext. 327.**

Former Miss Indian Oklahoma Voices Strong Support for "Youth 2000" Campaign. . .

Dear Muscogee Nation News,

Through the years I have been blessed with the opportunity to travel among the different tribes in the U.S. and Canada. During these visits I was able to share the beauty of my own culture as well as learn the culture of other tribes. Though these visits were very special, oftentimes I would come away with my heart saddened by things I had seen. A lot of areas were isolated and poorly developed. There were high levels of unemployment. Because of the problems of drug and alcohol abuse, the Indian family isn't even the same. Indian children were growing up in dysfunctional families. They were being abused and neglected. They were committing suicide. One particular instance comes to mind- during a conference I had the chance to visit with some students from the Wind River Reservation in Wyoming. At that time the Reservation had had several young people commit suicide. Those suicides caused a nationwide focus and the Wind River people immediately began to set up a youth council. A young boy commented, "Why did it take all those suicides before they finally paid attention to us?"

I also notice that many of these same problems face my own people-the Creek Nation. That is why I am in strong support of the "Youth 2000" program and the Creek Nation's move to set up youth councils within the chartered communities.

Audrey Barnett,
Educational Aide
Eufaula Dormitory

NOTE: See related article on Page 5 on the Creek Nation's participation in the National "Youth 2000" campaign to address the problems confronting the Nation's youth.

Letter of Appreciation...

Dear MNN,

We are pleased to write you on the eve of the national broadcast of *"Indians, Outlaws and Angie Debo,"* a one-hour film about the life and work of an extraordinary historian. It will be seen on PBS stations soon as part of the "American Experience," a series of films on American history.

We want to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous support and your interest, which played an important part in the successful completion of this project. We hope you enjoy the film and would very much like to hear your responses to it.

Sincerely,
Barbara Abrash, Co-Producer
The Institute for Research in History
New York, New York

Note: The documentary was broadcast nationally on PBS stations on October 18, at 10:00 p.m.

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Springfield Gospel Singing

The Springfield Methodist Church will host a gospel singing on Saturday, November 5 at 7:30 p.m. Robert Jones is master of ceremonies for the event. To get to Springfield, travel east on 71st Street in Broken Arrow for six miles. At the last stop light out of Broken Arrow, turn north on Oak Grove Road and continue travelling to 41st Street. Turn back east on 41st Street for 1/2 mile to church.

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CN Legislative Overview

By Jim Wolfe

The Muscogee (Creek) National Council took two Saturday's to complete its lengthy agenda for the September 24 Regular Session.

An appropriation of Bingo Revenues for improvements to the Muskogee Indian Community facility was approved by the Council. $38,260 will be used to repair the building's roof and improve the heating and air conditioning system.

A bill for the Koweta Indian Community to build a storage facility and increase tobacco inventory was approved by the Council. The measure was vetoed by Principal Chief Claude Cox. His objection to the bill stated that "income from current community operations should be sufficient to cover the inventories and building". The Chief's recommendation called for the Koweta Community to use "its profits to purchase inventories and construct a storage building."

The Chief also vetoed four pieces of legislation. An appropriation bill for the Judicial branch to operate in this fiscal year was returned as a veto with three objections. The Chief objected because the bill does not "maintain the required identification of funding sources" and that "budget projections for some line items appear inflated". Chief Cox also claimed sections of the legislation would "circumvent internal controls for expenditure of funds".

An amendment to an earlier bill that allows the Checotah Indian Community to split the profits from its bingo operation 50-50 with the tribe was vetoed by Chief Cox. The objections were that the distribution of bingo profits was being standardized at 60-40 with the 60 percent going to the tribe's coffers. The Chief's other objection was the amendment's November 1 deadline for purchasing supplies and equipment for its yet to open bingo facility. The amendment calls for unexpended funds to be returned. Chief Cox stated the deadline was "not practical" for the community.

The Chief also vetoed legislation that would provide the National Council with its own attorney and the The Chief claimed both bills contained unconstitutional restraints on the Executive Office.

Funding for two service programs to the elder citizens were approved by the Council. One-third of the Social Welfare budget, $135,506 was allocated for funeral assistance and food. The remaining 67 percent of the budget, $275,119, was approved to fund the operation of the tribe's elderly nutrition program. Presently, five nutrition sites, Okmulgee, Weleetka, Wetumka, Dewar and Coweta serve hot meals.

In related legislation, the Council appropriated $10,000 to Medical Aid Services Program and the burial assistance program. Both budgets for fiscal year 1988 had been depleted.

In other budget matters, the Council amended an earlier bill that authorized contract services of federal funds and grants to include the Title IV-B childrens' services program.

A bill authorizing $8,412.71 of bingo profits earned by the Eufaula Community Bingo to be called "start-up" costs was approved by the Council. $35,000 was appropriated in 1987 to the Eufaula Community for economic development. According to the bill the total costs exceeded the Creek Nation grant by $8,412.71. The Chief vetoed the measure.

In other legislative action, the Council approved amendments to the tribal judicial code and the mileage reimbursement bill for Council members.

The judicial code was amended to identify eligible jurors for court cases and set the compensation for jurors at $12.50 per day.

The mileage amendment will reimburse any National Council member for mileage expenses that come with fulfilling duties as Council members.

Rules and procedures for the tribal court system were established and approved by the Council as well as the Controller Act and an Audit Law.

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court will be in session the third Monday of every month in the court clerk's office located in the Mound Building at the Tribal Complex in Okmulgee.

The Audit Law, according to the bill's language, is needed for the auditing of tribal trust funds under the tribe's control and provide a check and balance system.

The Controller Act repeals tribal ordinance NCA 81-05. The bill creates an Office of the Controller to administer funds according to strict accounting standards. The Principal Chief will nominate people for the position and the Council can approve or reject the Chief's nominee.

The Council authorized one-twelfth of the Gaming and Tax Commission budget and gave approval to an ordinance that authorizes the removal of elected Muscogee Nation officials and tribal employees who violate the Constitution or any tribal ordinance.

The Council sent the Muscogee Nation Business Authority bill back to committee for work and the Council voted not to renew the contract of tribal attorney Sherrin Watkins.

Ken Childers, Speaker of the National Council called for a Special Session October 10 and addressed the budget of the judicial branch and agreed to contract with Oklahoma Indian Legal Services. The budget was the second approved by the Council and was vetoed by the Principal Chief. The approved budget will allow the court, particularly the juvenile and child welfare cases, to continue operating.

The contract agreement with OILS calls for the legal service to file a brief asking the Court to deny an appeal by the Solicitor General of the United States representing the Interior Department. The Appeals Court in Washington, D.C. had ruled in favor of the tribe and the creation of a

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Fife and Mauldin seek to fill Okfuskee District Vacancy on National Council

In accordance with the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and tribal election laws, a vacancy has been declared in the National Council for Okfuskee District Seat B. A special election has been set for **October 29.** Okfuskee District precincts are located at **Creek Nation Day Care Center, 412 W. Broadway, Okemah** and at the **Weleetka Indian Community Center, 620 S. Chickasaw, Weleetka.**

Bill Fife

Margaret Mauldin

Bill Fife Announces Candidacy for Council

Billy S. Fife announces his candidacy for the Creek National Council Okfuskee District, Seat B. He is the son of James Fife of Dustin, Oklahoma. He is a college graduate and is presently employed with United States Postal Service. Bill and his Wife Mary have two children, Jeff and Cinda, who attend Weleetka Public School.

Fife has ten years experience in Tribal government. He is knowledgable in areas of federal contracts and grants and the management of tribal operations. He has worked closely with Creek community organizations, the National Council and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Fife states that "My reason for seeking this position are my concerns for the many issues which the Creek Tribe is faced with today." Fife strongly supports Health Services, Education Services and programs for the elderly. However, his major concern for this District is the lack of jobs and employment opportunity for the Creek people.

Fife feels he can make an immediate contribution to the Tribal government, whereas someone without experience in Tribal government must learn the duties of a Council Person which may take valuable time. The term of this elected office is only one year. The Creek people of the Okfuskee District deserve capable and agressive representation in the National Council.

Fife asks for your support and vote on October 29, 1988 for National Council Representative, Okfuskee District, Seat B.

Margaret Mauldin Will Run for Council Seat

Margaret Mauldin of Okemah, announces her candidacy for the Muscogee (Creek) National Council as a representative from Okfuskee District Seat B. The position was vacated by the resignation of Carney Roberts. Mauldin will face Bill Fife of Weleetka, in a special election October 29. Okfuskee district's two other Council members are Bill Burden, Weleetka and Press Johnson, Okemah.

Though Mauldin is a political newcomer, she is no stranger to controversy. Mauldin has clashed with the Bureau of Indian Affairs over land and title. She was also involved in a jurisdictional controversy while seeking justice for the death of her son John who was murdered in December 1987. Mauldin was featured in the May 1988 issue of the ***Muscogee Nation News.***

While Mauldin has no list of political accomplishments, she claims. "I can learn on the job as most politicians do. The important thing to remember is I have many years experience of being Indian."

Mauldin says she will make herself available to the people of the Okfuskee District. Mauldin says communication between the government and the people is the best thing for progress. "We seldom communicate," said Mauldin. "But I believe I have the know-how to best serve the people and my tribe."

Mauldin, a teachers aide at Oakes Elementary School in Okemah promises that if elected, she will make herself available to any of her constituents.

LEGISLATIVE OVERVIEW...
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judicial system. The Interior however is seeking a review.

The Council endorsed a resolution drafted by Creek District Representative Ed Frye. The resolution disapproves proposed changes to "the Community Development Block Grant for 1988 for the construction of a new food distribution warehouse". The resolution suggests that the Silver Dollar Ballroom in Kellyville be used as a commodity distribution warehouse. The facility is owned by the tribe and is situated on seven acres of tribal trust land.

The National Council set October 20 as the date for its monthly Planning Session.

Special Memorial Day service planned at Little Cussetah-

A Memorial Service and Fellowship Dinner will be held November 11, at 10:00 a.m. at the Little Cussetah Indian Baptist Church near Sapulpa.

The Service, which is sponsored by the Little Cussetah Baptist Men's group, will honor veterans and their survivors. A special service is being planned to honor the women veterans and veterans widows, according to Phillip Coon, Brotherhood Director of the Men's group and a former World War II veteran and POW.

Rev. Dan Phillips will give the Keynote Address and the Women's Memorial service will be conducted by Mr. Coon and the Men's Memorial service by Soloman Bullitt, president of the men's group.

There will be hymn singing in Creek and English, patriotic songs and live taps.

"I feel that we should not only honor the men veterans, but the women as well and we need to do this while they are still living, " said Mr Coon.

A Fellowship Dinner will at the church, located one mile north on new highway 66 to 96th Street (Hilton Road), one and a quarter miles.

Corsages will be given to the women.

Sands sentenced to life imprisonment for slaying—

A federal judge has sentenced Ricky Lee Sands to life imprisonment plus five years in U.S. Eastern District Court in Muskogee September 19. The terms are to be served consecutively and were the most the court could impose.

Sands, 27, from Castle, was found by a federal jury to be guilty of first degree murder on August 4. Sands was convicted for the shooting of John Mauldin, 19 from Okemah. Sands had pleaded guilty to a felony charge of possession of a firearm after a former conviction. His sentence for that was added to the life term.

As reported in the May 1988 issue of the *MNN*, the case raised the issue of Indian sovereignty involving questions of criminal jurisdiction. Both Sands and Mauldin are Creek and the murder occurred on Indian land near I.X.L. in December 1987.

First Annual Oklahoma Indian Art Market- October 14-16

. . .A Benefit for the Restoration of the Creek Indian Council House and Museum held on the Historic Council House Grounds

__CHARLES BANKS WILSON, NOTED ARTIST, PAID TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF WILL (SONNY) SAMPSON__ and historian Angie Debo in formal Dedication Ceremonies Friday, October 14, to kick off the Okmulgee Council House Restoration Project. Here Wilson, whose painting of Angie Debo hangs in the State Capital Rotunda, right, greets Mrs. Mabel Hill, the mother of the late Sampson and Frank Kamp, Second Speaker of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council, who also paid tribute to the Creek actor and specifically, Sampson's work in the field of helping drug abuse and alcohol victims. National Council Speaker, Kenneth Childers also paid tribute to both Dr. Debo, for her contribution on behalf of Indian people in her books' true portrayal of Indian history, and Sampson, whom Childers recognized for his accomplishments but, particularly for his concern for his Creek people. State Representative Glen D. Johnson also was present at the Dedication Ceremonies to speak on behalf of the many positive things going on in the Okmulgee area and referred to the Creek Council House as the "bond that brings all these things together."

-photo by Jim Wolfe

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__THE CREEK NATION BINGO HALL IN OKMULGEE BROUGHT THEIR GAME TO__ the people as they set up Bingo on the Council House Grounds, much to the delight of the people. Ray Barnett, Bingo Hall Manager, center, is shown with staff as they call out the numbers. Other activities of the three-day event included an Indian fashion show, Indian arts and crafts exhibits with a juried competition, the premiere showing of the movie "Warparty," which features several Creek actors, who were present for the premiere, traditional dance exhibitions by the Bear Sky Dance Troup and the Tallahassee Ceremonial Grounds (stompdance) and Gospel sing. Climaxing the Market's activities were Gourd dancing (Vietnam Veteran's Inter-tribal Association) at 2:00 p.m. and a Pow-Wow at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday evening. *-photo by Gary Robinson*

__CREEK TRIBAL AND LOCAL OFFICIALS__ were present at the Dedication Ceremonies held on the Council House Square during the Oklahoma Indian Art Market which benefited the restoration of the historic city and national landmark. *-photo by Jim Wolfe*

BILLY MILLS, CENTER, AND PRINCIPAL CHIEF CLAUDE COX VISIT WITH AREA INDIAN YOUTH *from various high schools during Creek Nation's first annual "Youth Day" held October 5 in the Mound Building. Mills, who made Olympic history in the 1964 Tokyo Games, was the guest speaker at Youth Day. Mills, who lives in California with his family, travels worldwide as a youth motivation speaker. He is a member of the Lakota Sioux Tribe.* *-photo by Jim Wolfe*

Creek Nation Joins "Youth 2000" Initiative—Plans Set to Establish a Youth Program

By Kathryn Bell

In an effort to address and find solutions to the myriad of problems confronting at-risk Indian youth, Creek Nation has announced it's participation in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services "Youth 2000" campaign. "Investing in our Creek youth is the best investment we could make, because they are the ones who will take over the leadership roles in our tribe- we need to see to it that we do everything within our power to help them be prepared for this responsibility," said Principal Chief Claude Cox in support of a youth program at the Creek Nation.

The Youth 2000 initiative, a grassroots, community-level "call to action" hopes to eliminate the target problems among not only Indian youth, but the nation's youth, by the year 2000. Some of these problems are chemical and substance abuse, teen suicide, teen pregnancy, illiteracy etc.

Creek Nation, under the Division of Community Services, is in the process of establishing not only a youth council among the Creek tribal youth at the community level, but is implementing a youth services program, targeting ages 10-20.

"After a thorough review of the programs offered by Community Services Division, I feel there is a definite need for activities to be organized for the youth," said Vicki Carpenter, newly-hired Director of the Division of Community Services.

A preliminary meeting was conducted by Ms. Carpenter to gather input about the proposed youth council for Creek tribal youth. The meeting had in attendance, Chief Cox, staff, and representation from the National Council.

In the organization of the youth councils, various concepts will be targeted as being important for the youth: alcohol and drug abuse awareness/education, teen-pregnancy, increased school attendance, cultural preservation, tribal pride, self-esteem building, motivation and achievement, leadership, cultural preservation, educational opportunities and health and nutrition education.

These objectives are in line with the goals of "Youth 2000," and are reflected in a list that Indian youth, nationwide, identified at a UNITY, INC., conference last year in Denver, as being the top ten "crucial issues" confronting Indian youth, in order of priority: 1)alcohol, drug and substance abuse, 2)suicide, 3)teenage pregnancy, 4)preservation of tribal culture and traditions, 5)communication between Indian youth and tribal government officials, 6)funding for higher education, 7)motivation and self-esteem, 8)school dropout rates, 9)activities for youth; and 10)unemployment.

The implementation of the youth councils will be aided by UNITY, INC., (United National Indian Tribal Youth), an Oklahoma City-based non-profit organization whose goal is in helping Indian youth develop leadership, promote their self-sufficiency and instill cultural pride. J.R. Cook, founder and President of the organization, met with the Creek Nation to discuss how their organization can help with the youth councils.

Dean Tiger, Creek, has been hired as Youth Council Specialist to assist Community Services in program implementation. "After examining the issues concerning our youth, we have found that a void exists at the Jr. and Sr. high level for programs aimed at helping them cope with the various problems they confront. Our program will directly address these problems and not just the symptoms of the problems, as many programs are limited to," said Tiger.

Currently, a plan of action is being developed by Community Services to present to the CN National Council for support of a resolution for approval to submit a grant proposal for discretionary funds from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Creek Nation Sponsors "Youth Day"—Billy Mills Challenges Area Youth

By Kathryn Bell

Billy Mills, a Lakota Sioux who upset Olympic history in the 1964 Tokyo Games by being the first and only American to ever win the Gold Medal in the 10,000 Meter Run, was the guest of the Creek Nation at their first annual "Youth Day," held Wednesday, October 5 in the Mound Building Auditorium. (***See "Creek Nation Establishes Youth Services"*** on this page).

Arrangements for Mr. Mills appearance were made through the Principal Chief's office and the Okmulgee Indian Community.

Mills, who was inducted into the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame in 1984, is a well-known speaker on the national circuit on youth achievement and motivation.

Addressing an audience of approximately 200, mostly Indian youth from five area High Schools; Okmulgee, Beggs, Twin Hills, Okemah, Mason and the Eufaula Dormitory, Mills offered encouragement for the youth to pursue their goals- "The greatest degree of competition is not for me to compete against you, or you against me, but for each of us to reach within the depths of our capabilities and to perform to the greatest of our potential."

Born on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, Mills, now 50, candidly recounted the circumstances of hardship in his life (Mills was orphaned as a young child) and how he learned to turn these obstacles into personal victories that led to his famed Olympic career-victories he told the youth that could be theirs as well. "What we have in common besides being Indian," Mills pointed out to the youth, "is the same opportunities to make choices in our lives."

Mills expressed his alarm at the rising statistics of problems that confront Indian people, particularly the at-risk youth, and that keep them from achieving their potential.

Offering alternatives to this deadend situation through a positive philosophy of putting forth total effort- physically, mentally, socially, culturally and spiritually, he queried the audience, "Are you man or woman enough to place yourself in a positive risk situation?" as he cautioned, "in doing so you may encounter the possibility of defeat," emphasizing "not failure- there is a difference. You can accept defeat with grace and dignity, but never accept failure. You must learn to redirect your focus on other ways to accomplish your goals." He continued, "Our tribes, the Lakota and the Creeks and others have all experienced defeats in our histories, but we as a people, never accepted failure. . ."

To give an illustration of his point, he used his own life as an example of turning defeats into victories.

The odds of Mills achieving what he did at the Tokyo Olympic Games was one in a thousand. He was an unknown orphan Indian boy from the reservation, raised in federal Indian boarding schools. However, he went on to Haskell Institute and later accepted a scholarship to Kansas University where he graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Education.

While at KU, the Olympic pre-trials were being held. Mills tried out, but didn't make the team. Determined, he explained, he started training by running 100 miles a week for four years. He made the Olympic team in 1964 in the 10,000 Meter Run and the Marathon.

Inspite of reaching the point of giving up while in third place in the grueling Tokyo race, Mills pressed on, and won what journalists termed "the greatest upset triumph in sports annals." Mills personal vision quest of fifteen years became a reality.

Articulate in his presentation and intense in appeal, Mills, told the hushed, receptive crowd, how he, against the odds and his own sense of inadequacy, achieved his vision- "you see, the first thing we feel when we are challenged to the limit, is that we want to quit- it's a natural feeling, "he said, "but if you develop a positive philosophy in pursuing your vision, you will achieve it. . .long after your physical endurance is gone, your spirit, which is focused on that vision, will not let your body quit. " Mills related that he had experienced this during the last crucial minutes of the Tokyo race, as he made the decision to quit while still in third place, but was urged inwardly to go the distance until finally he did advance past his opponents and to the finish line.

Mills emphasized self-respect, positive mental attitude (vital to your philosophy), goal-setting and a support system of people who care and believe in your abilities.

In concluding his presentation, Mills told the audience of how he had been unable to take a "victory lap" carrying the flag of his country, after winning the Gold Medal, due to technical rules of the race, and how this saddened him- "But, twenty years later, in 1984 my wife and I were invited to Tokyo for the showing of "Running Brave," the motion picture based on my life, the Japanese officials asked me if there was anything else I wanted to do, and I replied that I wanted them to take me out to the stadium where I won that day...they did and in front of a very small crowd, I ran my victory lap - I had my moment and this meant a great deal to me. It was the final chapter in my sports career."

During the Youth Day Ceremonies, Jimmy Hill, CN Social Services Manager, opened with an Invocation, followed by an official Welcome Address by Chief Cox. George Tiger served as Master of Ceremonies. An audio and videotape of Mill's Olympic victory was presented, as well as the "Youth 2000" public service announcements. Al Rolland, Creek Nation Alcoholism Program, gave information on Creek Nation's plans to implement a youth service's program and a youth council.

Janita Screechowl

Creek teen attends Hawaii beauty contest

Janita Screechowl, 16, daughter of Ed and Janice Screechowl, Sapulpa, the 1988 Teen Young Miss of Oklahoma, represented the state in the national competition in Honolulu, Hawaii August 22-29.

As the state winner, Janita received a cash award, official crown, banner and expense-paid trip to Hawaii to compete in the national pageant.

As the reigning state queen, Janita must appear at three state functions, the Young Miss of America National Pageant, and the 1989 State Pageant. The Young Miss of America pageant system is responsible for all expenses including meals and lodging costs incurred by the Queen.

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Bacone hires Indian recruiter/counselor

Bacone College has hired Larry SpottedBird as a recruiter and admissions counselor. SpottedBird, a Kiowa, hopes to recruit at least 350 Indian students to Bacone within two years.

"I'd like to see 700, 750 kids attending Bacone in a couple of years," he said. "I'm excited about the job and feel its a challenge and an excellent opportunity for me. I feel privileged to have Bacone as an option to offer these kids."

Most of SpottedBird's recruiting efforts will be concentrated in western Oklahoma and other states.

"I'll be going primarily to functions that mostly Indians will attend and schools. I think the direction has come from a lot of the Bacone Board members through the President's office to get back to the direction and purpose of Bacone, which is to educate Indians in a Christian environment."

This fall, SpottedBird will be recruiting through career days and other events.

"What I'm selling to kids is a small college where they can get almost a one-on-one type of interworking with their teachers. Here, we're small enough we can give them personalized attention and we can work with them on problem areas."

A Hobart native, Spotted Bird holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Central State University in Edmond. He also attended the University of Oklahoma and Northeastern State University.

McNac Anniversary...

Joe and Chiquita McNac celebrated their first wedding anniversary in September with a dinner prepared by the family and shared with family and friends. The couple took a short trip out of town.

-photo by Jim Wolfe

OSCE WILSON AND VICKIE CAMP, TWO CREEK YOUTH FROM THE EUFAULA DORMITORY, *have been recently recognized as outstanding students at Eufaula High School. Osce, a Junior, for his outstanding athletic ability and Vickie for "Best All-Around Senior Girl."*

Eufaula Dorm Students Recognized for Outstanding Achievements at EHS

By Kathryn Bell

Osce Wilson and Vickie Camp, two Creek students at the Eufaula Dormitory have been recently honored as outstanding students at Eufaula High School, according to Jean Froman, Acting Administrator of the Eufaula Dormitory.

Osce, a Junior at Eufaula High, was named recently as the "Tulsa World's Player of the Week" in recognition of his outstanding performance in the September 23rd football game with Roland. Osce, an I-Back with the Ironheads, scored four touchdowns and rushed for 182 yards during the game. Osce, also an honor student, has wrestled for four years, plays basketball, baseball and runs track at EHS. He is the son of Kenneth Wilson, South Carolina and Sandra Wilson, Arizona. His grandmother is Henryetta Marshall.

Vickie Camp, a Senior at EHS, was recently voted "Best All-Around Senior Girl" in Who's Who. In addition to a positive personality and academic achievement, she is an outstanding forward on the girl's basketball team. "She is a potential all-stater in basketball," said Ms. Froman. Vickie, who plans on college in the fall, is the daughter of Sue Yahola, Okemah.

"We at the Eufaula Dorm, staff and students alike, are very proud of the accomplishments of these two, and all of our students who work at reaching their potential," said Ms. Froman, who went on to cite the achievements of other Dormitory students, such as Vanessa Thomas, Creek, who is maintaining an excellent record of achievement in academics. "Vanessa is a member of the Brainbows, an academic competition team at Eufaula High school."

"Our students have the potential, talent and determination to accomplish their goals," Froman said, adding that this recognition of their accomplishment was particularly important to the self-esteem of the students and "in them knowing that they can achieve and are apart of the school system and the community," she said.

***THE INDIAN CLUB OF EUFAULA DORMITORY ATTENDED THE FIRST ANNUAL "YOUTH DAY"** at the Creek Nation, which was held recently in the Mound Building. Shown are officers of the Club, first row, left to right: Cheryl Factor- Historian, Vanessa Thomas- Treasurer, Vickie Campbell- Secretary; second row, left to right: Chris Natesway- Reporter, Vinson Shields- Vice-President, Gene Daniel- President, and Patrick Attocknie-Brave. Not pictured are Indian Club sponsors, Audrey Barnett, educational aide at the Dormitory (Audrey was also a former Creek Nation Princess and Miss Indian Oklahoma titleholder) and Robert Francis and Jean Mitchell. -photo by Jim Wolfe*

NIEA '88 Spelling Bee—

A Spelling Bee will be held at the 20th Annual National Indian Education Association Conference to be held in Tulsa on November 13-17 at the Tulsa Convention Center.

The Spelling Bee is open to students enrolled in grades 4-8. The event will begin at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, November 15.

For more information, contact, as soon as possible, NIEA Student Events, Mabel Cozad, Spelling Bee Coordinator, c/o OCIE, 9810 E. 42nd St. Rm. 232, Tulsa, OK 74146, for an application form.

Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each grade.

—OBITUARIES—

EDMOND BARNETT, SR.

Reverend Edmond Barnett, Sr., 89, of Eufaula, died September 22 at Oklahoma Osteopathic Hospital in Tulsa.

Wake service was held at Hillabee Baptist Church, Sunday, Sept. 25. Funeral services were held Sept. 26 at Hillabee Baptist Church with the Rev. Allison Phillips and Rev. Woodrow Bean officiating. Burial was at the Hanna Cemetery under the direction of Black's Funeral Home of Eufaula.

Pallbearers were Edmond Barnett III, Ben Barnett, Nathaniel Barnett, David Barnett, Bert Robison and Herrod Anderson. Honorary pallbearers were: Franklin Barnett, Austin Barnett, Jr., Charles Barnett, Elliot Barnett, Anthony Barnett, Paul Barnett, David Francis, Clifton Hill and Luke McIntosh.

He was born June 12, 1899 in Eufaula, Indian Territory the son of Austin Barnett and Eliza Tiger Barnett. He attended school at the Wetumka and Nuyaka Missions. He was a farmer and a lifelong resident of Eufaula. He was married to the former Mandy Barnett. Edmond was baptized on March 30, 1912 by Johnson Phillips. He was a member of Artussee Baptist Church where he was ordained a deacon in 1961 and as a minister in 1972. He pastored the church until his retirement in May 1987.

Survivors include one daughter, Maxine Barnett of Eufaula; one son Edmond Barnett, Jr., of Dustin; 15 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren.

MARTHA MAY (PERRYMAN) McHENRY

Martha May (Perryman) McHenry, lifelong Oklahoman and Great Great Granddaughter of Benjamin Perryman, who was a signer of the Creek Treaty of 1833 at Fort Gibson and the subject of a celebrated painting by George Catlin, died recently in Midwest City after a brief illness. She was 72.

May was a great niece of Josiah C. Perryman who started Tulsa's first post office; George Perryman, wealthy pioneer Tulsa merchant and cattle rancher; and Joseph Perryman, and Legus Perryman, who were Principal Creek Chiefs in the late 1800's.

Born May 14, 1916, in Coweta to Tecumseh and Annie Davis Perryman, May lived her early life in that area and attended Eufaula Boarding School. Married to Wayne McHenry, she moved to Midwest City in 1949 where she resided.

May was preceded in death by two children, Judy and Gary. Suvivors include her husband, Wayne, of the home; two daughters, Jeri Brandon, Renton, Wa., and Marsha Dennis, Midwest City; three grandsons, Noel "Hutkee" Brandon, Renton, Wa., David Brandon, Renton, Wa., and Barry Brandon, Seattle, Wa., one granddaughter, Carly Dennis, Midwest City; and one great grandson, Nokonee Brandon of Renton, Wa.

Wake and funeral services were conducted by Rev. John Lowe, Rev. Jesse Sullivan, and Rev. Newman Frank at St. Matthews Methodist Church in Midwest City with no English hymns being sung.

May always was very proud of her Indian heritage and wanted to be buried "the old way" observing Creek customs and that was done for her.

The family wishes to express appreciation and thanks to all who helped and contributed during this time. MVTO.

BUDDIE FIXICO

Buddie John Fixico, a 67 year-old resident of Weleetka, died Friday, September 30 in Tulsa. He was born March 20, 1921 in Oklahoma.

A member of Arbeka Baptist Church, Fixico married the former Della Sumka on July 4, 1946 in Weleetka.

Funeral Services were held Monday, October 3 at Arbeka Baptist Church with Reverend John Lowe officiating. Wake service was held Sunday, Oct. 2 at Arbeka Baptist Church.

Surivivors include his wife Della Sumka Fixico of the home; two sons, John Ray Fixico of New York and Robert Lee Fixico; a daughter Carol Fixico of the home; two grandchildren; and two brothers, Elmer Fixico of Hayward, California and Edward Fixico of California.

JUANITA SANGER

Miss Juanita Sanger, 85-year old resident of Okmulgee died Saturday, October 15. She was born in Okmulgee on May 1, 1903 and had been a member of the Butler United Methodist Church. She is survived by one brother, Stephen Sanger of Okmulgee; three sisters, Pauline Dodge of Tulsa, Opal Hensley of Okmulgee, and Emma Jean Klenc of Santa Barbara, California; and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held at Okmulgee Cemetery at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 19, by Rev. Rick Robart. Arrangements were under the direction of McClendon Funeral Home.

SINDA HICKS

Funeral services for Mrs. Sinda Hicks, 71, were held Monday, Oct. 17 at the Nuyaka Indian Baptist Church with Bro. George W. Harjo officiating and Bro. George Doyle assisting. She died in her home Oct. 13.

Mrs. Hicks was born in Okfuskee County and remained a lifelong lifelong resident. She was married to Robert Hicks in 1960 and he preceded her in death on Jan. 12, 1973. Mrs. Hicks was a member of the Nuyaka Baptist Church.

Survivors include one son, Rock Bear, Dallas Texas; one daughter, Mrs. Cynthia Marie Dan, Okemah; and one nephew, James Smith, Seminole.

Interment was in the Nuyaka Cemetery under the direction of the Parks Brothers Funeral Home.

Letter from Evangelist Ernest Best. . .

"So Jesus answered and said, "Verily I say unto you, there is no man that hath left house, or brethren or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's but he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life." Mark 10:29,30. "For whosoever will save this life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it." Mark 8:35.

As our work takes us to the regions of the far north and west, our hearts always become so burdened with the need of laborers in the vineyard of God. There are so many thousands of people and so very few trying to reach them with the gospel. I ponder the situation in my heart. Is God not calling missionaries anymore? Are we not praying to the Lord of the harvest.? Is God calling and we aren't responding?

The old song says, "give of your son to bear the message glorious. . . give of your wealth to speed them on the way. . . pour out your soul for them in prayer victorious. . ." Have we lost our vision of the mission field? Are we comfortable in our churches, enjoying the blessing of God, not aware of the people of the north and the west do not have the same opportunities. or, sees our vision of the mission field automatically portray a foreign land, and foreign languages? Souls are crying. . . men are dying. . . right in our northwest and Canada. There are no foreign languages to learn and, at this time, there is total freedom to preach the gospel.

I do not believe that God is not calling men and women into these fields. I am afraid that for at least a generation we have failed to respond to God's call for various reasons. . .some of which are mentioned in Mark 10:29. We have believed the lie that the passing temporary things are permanent and important. I believe that God is calling Indian men to reach the Indian nations for Christ. Some don't want to leave the comfort of their home churches and jobs. Some wives refuse to leave their families and go and support their husbands in the work to which God has called them. Instead of praying that God would call out our sons to bear the glorious message, and then support them with our prayers and finances, as God has commanded us, many churches and families weep and plead with them not to go, and even put pressure on them to stay home. Can God be pleased? Can we teach and preach the "great commission" when we have grieved the Holy Spirit of God with our disobedience. Can we sing, "Win the Lost at Any Cost"? Of course not. Missions are the life-blood of the church. Is it any wonder that some of our churches at home are drying up?

We were recently with a missionary who was 63 years old. He had been in the ministry for three and a half years. He was a Sioux man. He told us the Lord called him over 30 years ago. He even went to Bible College, but he got involved in earning money. He said, "I had riches, but the Lord gave me a leanness to my soul. I am now the happiest I've been in my entire life." How sad. Wasted years. Wasted lives. How many souls went to hell during those years that the Lord had intended him to reach. How many blessings did he and his family miss because of his disobedience. I've heard men say, "When I get my family raised I am going into special service for the Lord." What about all those years living outside of God's will. Remember that joy in life runs directly in proportion to doing the will of God. "God's grace will not take you where God's grace cannot keep you."

On the first Sunday of September, I preached in Prince Albert Baptist Church, at James Smith Reserve, and at Muskoday Reserve. The next night we began a city-wide Native Gospel Crusade in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, Canada. The people there had been working and praying toward this crusade for a year. God blessed with good attendance and response. There were 27 professions of faith and many other decisions that week. Jerry and I were on two Christian television programs giving testimony and singing, on a television station to be televised on a later date. It was a tremendous week. We are still rejoicing in the blessings of that week.

After leaving Prince Albert, we were in revivals in North Battleford and Cochin, and I preached one service in Meota Baptist Church (Sask.) The last week of September we were all in revival in Sisseton, South Dakota. God moved and spoke to hearts in all these meetings, with people coming for prayer and recommittment to the Lord. We praise God for the old friends we got to visit and for those who are going on in serving God in spite of difficulties.

We thank you for all the birthday cards and gifts you sent to me as I turned the big ***5-0.*** I praise God He has given me these many years to serve Him, and for this particular ministry. I praise God for you who make it possible through your support and prayers.

Your missionaries to the North American Indians,
Brother Ernest, Bennie and Jerry Best

Your missionary gift can be sent to Brother Ernest Best, P.O. Box 31, Eufaula, Oklahoma 74432. All gifts are tax deductible.

From Stickball to Fastpitch— Creeks Play Ball at it's Best!

Larry Bible, Tulsa District Representative *to the Muscogee (Creek) National Council, was a member of the National Champion Sapulpa Bucks fastpitch softball team. Bible played first base for the Bucks. Bible, chairman of the Council's Human Services Committee, is now Chief of Police in Glenpool. Muscogee Nation News File Photo.*

By Jim Wolfe

There is no historical account of the creation of the fastpitch softball game. Nor is there any specific reason to explain why Indians have been so taken with the game. To the twentieth century Creeks, playing and watching the game has made softball a part of the heritage and culture.

Creeks have a long history of ball playing. Before the removal of the tribes from the Southeast, stickball had been played by many different tribes for centuries. One historian has called the period between the 1700's to the 1900's, the "Stickball Period". The game was filled with ritual, ceremony and celebration.

Of course, the removal of the tribes to Indian Territory disrupted the lives and cultural continuity of the Creeks. After resettling and adjusting to the new home, many tribes resumed stickball playing. The Creeks were no different.

While the Creeks were adjusting to life in Indian Territory, the game of baseball was being invented. Though no one can be certain, baseball is thought to have been invented sometime during the 1830's.

From the 1850's to the 1900's, missionaries began introducing baseball and other games to the Indians. It was thought that baseball was an acceptable game for the children to play while they were attending boarding school or a mission.

Not understanding the cultural importance of stickball to the Creeks and other tribes, education groups and churches began discouraging stickball playing. Most white observers believed the game was too violent and uncivilized.

In an attempt to compel the Indians into a white society, the state of Oklahoma outlawed stickball playing in 1910. Though many still play stickball today, especially through the stomp dance season at ceremonial grounds, the efforts made by groups and legislation to discourage playing were effective enough to allow children attending school to learn the game of baseball.

Softball invented in 1888- Creeks enter the sport...

Softball was invented in 1888 and organized play began that year in Chicago. During the next few years, the game was introduced throughout the Midwest. Though much different than baseball, the sport has many similiarities. The game was less expensive to play than baseball. Girls could also play softball. After 1900, many people were playing, including the Creeks in Oklahoma.

It was not uncommon for a man to saddle up a horse, pack some dried beef, biscuits or sofke and travel to a tournament. Teams were often an extension of the family. During the From there players like Josh Starr, Crans Burgess, Woodrow Jimboy and the late Webster Chalakee began developing their reputations as great softball players. Perhaps it was the accomplishments of these players and others like them that allowed the sport to become dominant during the 1950's.

It was during this time that the Creek Nation had its own softball circuit. For more than a decade, teams would begin the summer by playing in the Newtown fastpitch tournament. George Tiger, a player and pitcher for many years and now retired, recalls that the Newtown softball field was one of the few around that had lights that could be used for nightime play.

Tournaments were held every weekend. Players would be rounded up and the teams would travel to play at Broken Arrow Methodist, Salt Creek, Big Cussetah, Honey Creek and any other church that would hold a tournament. At that time, many churches had their own teams and fields. In the more rural areas of the reservation, brush arbors would be built and used as dugouts for the team.

Men like Sonny Asbury, Henry "Hank" Tarpalechee, Tom Tiger and others, would pull up in front of the house or at a campground to pickup ballplayers. It was the efforts of these men that instilled the love of the fastpitch game to a whole new generation of players.

"It would be a big deal to play for Tom," said Tiger. "You knew that if you played for him, he would feed you and take care of you."

Square bread, round bread, longhorn cheese & Double-Cola...

Square bread, round meat, Longhorn cheese and a bottle of Double Cola was a feast served to many young ballplayers. Throughout the area, a player would usually know a friend or relative with whom he could stay or have dinner. Once in a while, a family might even invite team members home for a meal without being related. It was simply an appreciation and admiration for the talents and character of the players.

In 1954, the first All Indian Tournament was held in Oklahoma City at Wiley Post Park. The tourney had eight Indian teams that year. There was no entry fee however, a team was required to send in a $5 deposit that was returned to the team upon arrival at the tournament.

The late Will Nelson along with Selmon Brown, Sandy Dacon and Jim Emarthle, developed the tournament. The idea was to host a small Indian tournament as a social gathering where families and friends could meet and enjoy a weekend of softball.

The idea was a good one. The very next year the tournament had 16 mens teams and for the first time, held a womens tournament. The Indian tournament grew so much so fast that since 1974 the Oklahoma City Parks and Recreation Department began running the tournament.

Bick Auxier, involved with the tourney since its beginning makes the brackets. He claims it takes a day and a half just to draw up the pairings. Auxier says the tournaments popularity is because "the Indian people love to play the fast pitch game; the whole weekend is a picnic."

During the weekends of the mens and womens tournament, the OKC Parks and Recreation Department allows camping at Wheeler Park. Some teams and families have been know to arrive at Wheeler Park on Monday to set up a good campsite.

The first few tournaments were won by teams from Western Oklahoma. Later, Ft. Cobb, the Autaubo Braves and Oklahoma Tile, led by David Roberts and Gerald Nimsey, were the top teams. After them came the Hatchetville Oilers and the Wetselline bunch as the teams to beat. In the seventies it was the Sapulpa Bucks coached by Andy Bible. The Bucks won three consecutive titles. Turkey Springs, with Bob White coaching and pitching, took back-to-back titles. This past year the OKC All Indian Tournament was won by the Haskell Indians.

Though many good Creek athletes and many good teams were capable winning, Creeks were often accused of using medicine to help them play well and be victorious. If players smoked cigarettes between innings, it would rattle the opponents who were already concerned that their play was being affected.

Many Creek players have been named to the All Tournament team during the 34 years of the tournament. The Nimseys had several outstanding players. Alex Warden, Cliff Greany, Skeets Selsor, John Miller, Frisco Roberts, Andy and Ernie Berryhill and Jim and Roscoe Wolfe were all recognized for their achievements during the sixties and seventies.

Creek Nation Tournament grows in national recognition...

Since 1976, the Creek Nation has held its own fastpitch tournament that has grown into national prominence. Sixteen mens teams were entered into that first tournament. In just three years, the tournament accepted 24 mens and 24 womens teams. Initially, the men and women played fastpitch. The womens' tournament is now a slowpitch tourney.

The tournament has been played in Okmulgee, Henryetta and is now played at the Creek Nation softball diamonds in Okmulgee. The tourney is a part of the Creek Nation Festival. Festival weekend, always the third weekend in June, is a legislated tribal holiday. The tourney has drawn thousands to the complex for a weekend of good times.

Eufaula Community Bingo Celebrates First Anniversary

-photo by Elliot Barnett

Frank Kamp, McIntosh District Representative *to the Muscogee (Creek) National Council, on the left and Jim Stuart, general manager of the Eufaula Indian Community Bingo, hold the birthday cake decorated for the EIC Bingo first anniversary party. The Eufaula Community has been operating a successful bingo facility and many members of the National Council and the Principal Chief Claude Cox, were in attendance at the September 30 celebration.*

The Eufaula Indian Community celebrated the first anniversary of its bingo operation with a full house of players and several tribal officials present. The birthday party was held September 30.

Eufaula is one of four communities with bingo facilities. Tulsa, Okmulgee and Bristow are the other three communities with bingo.

The investment has been an economic success. Through July 1, 1988, less than one full year of operation, the Eufaula Community has returned $35,223.08 to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. In the three month period from April 1 to June 30, 1988, Eufaula returned more than $13,000 to the tribe. The tribe gave the Eufaula Community a $35,000 grant to begin the bingo operation.

Jim Stuart, a former Marine Corps Vietnam veteran, has been managing the facility for five months and attendance at the gaming sessions has risen above 200 players according to Stuart.

Recently, the Eufaula Indian Community Center was improved to make the facility more comfortable for the near capacity crowds. Improvements were made to exterior structure, the heating and cooling system and ceiling fans have been installed for better air circulation.

Eufaula Bingo has sessions on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights with a matinee session Sunday afternoon. "In the last 11 months, we've given away about three-quarters of a million dollars in cash prizes."

Increased money prizes, door prizes, improvements and rennovations and a wide variety of menu items from the kitchen have had much to do with larger crowds attending. Though Stuart has been aggressive in marketing the Eufaula Community Bingo, he credits "good attitudes" of the employees that keeps the people coming back to play bingo.

Apart from the money returned to the tribe's Bingo Revenue Accounts for services and programs, the bingo has a positive impact within the community. 21 people are employed at the Eufaula Center and the monthly payroll is near $125,000.

Eight of those employees have worked for the Eufaula Community Bingo since the beginning. Mitchell Barnett, Juanita Dunson, Commey Hill, Bobbi McLaughlin, Amanda Middleton, Johnnie Nichols, Benita Tiger and J.D. Tiger were all recognized at the anniversary party for their service and commitment.

"We're set up for a number of purposes," said Stuart. "There's always the bottom line to make money for the community. We help in other ways by providing employment and job experience. Older employees are supplementing their income working here. We're really here by the comcommunity and for the community."

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Muscogee Constitution Ratified in October 1979

The Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation was ratified by a vote of qualified citizens on October 6, 1979. The vote was close with only 182 votes separating those approving the document and those opposed. Sidney Mills was the Acting Deputy Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

INDIAN SOFTBALL. . .

Steve Wilson is the present coordinator for the Creek Nation Tournament. According to Wilson, 30-35 teams are placed on a waiting list to compete in the tourney. Wilson says that the tournament could easily be the second largest All-Indian tournament in the U.S. Entries are now limited to 48 mens' teams and 32 womens' teams. Creek teams are given preference for entry but, in spite of accepting more teams and making the tournament even larger, 16 to 20 teams are placed on the waiting list every year.

Bob White, an outstanding pitcher *perhaps best remembered for his games with Turkey Springs, winners at OKC All-Indian Tournament and several appearances at the National Indian Athletic Association tourneys, is pictured here at an NIAA tournament the year he was named Most Valuable Pitcher in that tournament. Muscogee Nation News File Photo*

Since the OKC tournament is held in July, Indian teams that are serious about softball make the Creek Nation Tournament a stop on the circuit. Teams from Florida, Arizona, Texas, and Kansas have played in the tournament.

"I think it gives teams a chance to play good competition," said Wilson. "People enjoy coming to the tournament to see friends again."

During his childhood, Tiger admits he used to sneak in the Okmulgee park to watch softball games. This and the family reunion atmosphere the game had in simpler times is the source of Tiger's love for the game.

And Jim Wolfe, a long ball hitter that played on many area teams with his brother Roscoe, says ball playing was just a part of his childhood. "As far back as I can remember, I was carrying a piece of salt meat in one hand and a ball glove on the other."

The popularity of the sport is simply accepted. Charley LaSarge, a past Most Valuable Player award winner of the Creek Nation Tournament, says he plays because "I love it".

It is not unusual to find family teams travelling to softball tournaments.

Note all of the team members would be related, but the team would be centered around brothers or cousins.

The Deeres were known for their baseball prowess. The Berryhills and Chalakees- Reuben, Woodrow and Webster were respected teams.

From the northern part of Creek Nation are the Fox brothers of Sapulpa and the very successful Bibles, who as the Sapulpa Bucks, won consecutive titles at the OKC All-Indian Tournament.

Times have changed- the game hasn't...

The fastpitch game itself has not changed but the times certainly have. The good athletes today could be called professional. Gas money and a room are often provided for the better players. Gone too, is the $5 returned entry fee. To enter one of the better tournaments can cost a team at least $100. The National Indian Athletic Association World Tournament cost teams $250 to enter.

A generation ago, a man would spend a day and a half on horseback to play ball. It wasn't too long ago that Okmulgee had 24 teams playing fastpitch in its leagues.

Though the game is not as popular as it was 20 years ago, Creeks are still well represented on teams throughout the state. Any competitive Indian team is likely to have a couple of Creeks playing for them.

Perhaps the game will experience a comeback in popularity. If not, those who played and those who watched the game, will forever have the memories of the great players, teams and fellowship that are very much a part of Indian fastpitch softball.

Local Creek youth participate in "Youth Services Day"

A GROUP OF ENERGETIC CREEK YOUTH LEND A HAND TO HELP THEIR ELDERS *in the National Youth Services Day campaign. The group of five gifted and talented students, organized by teacher Glenda Sullivan (shown far left), did much-needed yardwork around the home of two homebound Creek elderly, Sarah Simmers, third from left, and her sister, Polly Homma, second from left, who watch the students accomplish a much-needed task with youthful vigor and enthusiasm.*

By Kathryn Bell

A group of Creek youth, students at the Okmulgee Middle School, did their part for the national "A Day in the Life of Youth Service" campaign held nationwide on October 13.

The youth, a group of gifted and talented students, were organized into action for the Youth Services Day which is designed to document, promote and celebrate young people making a difference, by Glenda Sullivan, a Indian Education teacher with the cultural accelerated classes in the Okmulgee Public School System. "We are very proud to participate locally in the national youth services recognition day- these kids are high achievers and they are active in the community at many levels."

The group, all Creek, arrived during the morning, with special leave from school, at the home of two elderly Creek sisters, Sarah Simmers, 83, and Polly Homma, 88. The home which was overgrown with weeds and cluttered with debris, belonged to Sarah, who is blind. Polly is in a wheelchair. But both sisters welcomed the energetic young Creeks- who immediately went to work mowing the lawn, picking up trash, sweeping and raking leaves.

Soon, from next door, came Sarah's elderly son-in-law, Lawrence Kahbeah, who quickly joined in the workforce, explaining that he could not previously do the much-needed work at Sarah's home, because he needed assistance.

Assisted by one of the boys, Mr. Kahbeah began to cut the dead and overhanging limbs on Sarah's roof, loading them and all of the dead tree limbs in the yard, into the back of this pickup.

Hours later, the job was well done, and a tired but satisfied group of youth went back to school and two homebound Creek sisters could take pride, once again in their modest home.

"We appreciate this help very much. We have never had anybody to help us like this and we just can't do it ourselves," said Sarah, who remarked that it was "something new- the youth helping the elders," but was quick to add- "This is our Creek teaching that the young ones should show respect for and help their elders. It used to be like that, years ago, but we just got away from it- but what I have seen today is a good starting place to return to our teaching," she said.

Mrs. Sullivan expressed the positiveness of the event- "In my cultural accelerated classes I try to get the elderly involved as resource people to share with our Indian youth, their wisdom and the beauty of our culture, and now our kids have a chance, such as this one, to turn around and help them."

The students were enthusiastic about helping the elder sisters, as student Stephanie Thomas remarked as she raked leaves, "What we are doing really helps them alot and we can do it without much effort because we are younger and stronger." Angela Bunner, a seventh-grader, as the other students were, said simply,"It helps them and it really makes me feel good inside to help them."

The other students involved were; Jay Haynes, Jude Prieto, and Carey James. Assisting the youth were Mrs. Sullivan and a Creek resource volunteer in Mrs. Sullivan's classes, Pearline Day, who also served as interpreter with the sisters who speak both Creek and English.

The national youth services day has been termed, "a celebration of the ordinary" and included almost a thousand youth community service programs in 47 states. The event was sponsored by the Youth Service America and Campus Outreach Opportunity League to bring national attention to all the streams of service--conservation and service corps, college, school and community-based programs--and instill in them a sense of common purpose.

Mrs. Sullivan's group involvement was unique in that it was the only Okmulgee effort done and one of the few Indian youth group participation efforts.

The United National Indian Tribal Youth, Inc.(UNITY) in Oklahoma City, the only Indian sponsoring agency nationally, made contact with Creek Nation who in turn contacted Mrs. Sullivan. Steve Wilson, Manager of the CN Elderly Nutrition Program cooperated in the effort by identifying the Creek elders who were in need of yard work and by assisting in the coordination of the effort.

A National Archive of Youth Service exhibit will be done, using the best documentation of the Youth Services Day activities, and this exhibit will be placed in the rotunda of the Capitol in Washington, D.C. along with a traveling exhibit to state capitols across the country.

ENTHUSIASM IS CONTAGIOUS *as demonstrated by Lawrence Kahbeah, a relative living next door to the sisters, as he climbs atop the sisters house to cut away overhanging tree limbs. He then joined the youth brigade in helping them clean up the yard and hauling dead limbs and debris away with his pickup.*

OHS graduate receives scholarship to Rice—

Quannah Gee, Creek, a 1988 graduate of Okmulgee High School, and the daughter of Billy and Esther Gee, Okmulgee, has been named a President's Scholar at Rice University in Houston.

The President's Scholars are part of the newly-established Rice Minority Scholarship Program. Gee received a full tuition grant for four years.

Bacone College names scholarship recipients—

Among students of Bacone College who were recipients of scholarships, were Janice M. Johnson, a Creek from Holdenville, OK. She and other Indian students received the Mrs. Donald Grey Scholarship in the amount of $500. The scholarships are part of the American Baptist Student Aid Program, sponsored by the American Baptist Churches, USA. Bacone College is related to the American Baptist Churches, USA.

Bacone College names scholarship recipient. . .

A Bacone College student from Tulsa has been awarded a $750 art scholarship. Kevin W. Smith, Cherokee, has received the Forrest Gresham Memorial Art Scholarship for the 1988-89 academic year. The award will be divided equally between the fall and spring semesters. The scholarship is part of the American Baptist Student Aid Program sponsored by the American Baptist Churches, U.S.A. Bacone College is related to the American Baptist Churches, U.S.A. The private, two-year college was established in 1880 to provide higher education opportunities in a christian environment for American Indians. Bacone's student body today is represented by students from many cultural and ethnic backgrounds from across the United States and around the world.

***MEMBERS OF THE MORNING STAR MINISTRY** shown at Stringtown are left to right, Jan Bigpond, Negiel Bigpond, MSM President and Pat Frank.*

Morning Star Ministry among prison volunteers honored at Stringtown

By Anita Freeman

Morning Star Ministries was among approximately 50 volunteers who attended a banquet held in their honor at Mack Alford Correctional Center at Stringtown. The banquet was originally scheduled for May 21, but due to the prison rioting during that time the banquet was rescheduled on September 24.

Attending the banquet was Rev. Negiel Bigpond, President of Morning Star Ministries, Pat Frank, Jan Bigpond and Anita Freeman. The banquet was followed by a program given by Warden Reynolds, Chaplain Al Schultz and his staff.

Don Reynolds is the newly appointed Warden at the Mack Alford Center, he stated that his goal "is to produce a better product to society, than what was received". He hopes to provide the resources for inmates to rehabilitate themselves. An importance resource he stated was that of the department of corrections, volunteer contributions, their positive influence helps bring about the rehabilitation process.

Warden Reynold's first concern is that of protection, for the public, staff and volunteers and of the inmates.

Warden Reynolds also hopes to educate the public on how their tax dollars are being spent in the correctional center, and the importance of volunteer work. He stated that emphasize needs to be put on the basics, those being, food, clothing, housing and sanitation which is the number one problem in all institutions.

At the close of the program Warden Reynolds presented each volunteer with a letter expressing appreciation for the personal attention given to the men who are incarcerated, assisting them in attitude and conduct changes and willingness to contribute personal time and expense to be of help. This has been a major factor in the success of the Mack Alford Correctional Center according to Warden Reynolds.

According to Warden Reynolds the endeavors of the volunteers on behalf of both the staff and inmates at Mack Alford Correctional Center has been most beneficial. Warden Reynolds hopes that by joint effort of staff and volunteers, progress will continue in rehabilitating the offenders.

Morning Star has been active in the Prison Ministry for four years. The program is headed by Bigpond, who has developed the program, of evangelism which includes, teaching, preaching, counseling and music.

Morning Star has taken this program into 13 of Oklahoma's Correctional Centers, with regular scheduled services at Jackie Brannon, Jess Dunn, Mack Alford and Conners.

The Ministry welcomes anyone who has a desire to help those who are incarcerated, by promoting positive life-styles and healthier attitudes in the context of Christian belief.

IHCRC opens outpatient alcohol/drug program-

TULSA--Indian Health Care Resource Center, located in urban Tulsa, has begun a new outpatient alcohol and drug program, according to Pamela Iron, executive director of IHCRC. "Alcoholism is the No. 1 killer of Indian people and families. Our program intends to see this disease reduced among our people," she said.

Funded by Indian Health Services, a variety of support groups such as AA, Al-Anon, Alateen, and NA are offered. Individual counseling, youth services and chemical free community fun nights are staffed by employees.

The program serves American Indians within the Tulsa metroplex area- including Bixby, Broken Arrow, Jenks, Sand Springs, Sapulpa, Turley, Claremore, Catoosa.

The new program is located at 1524 S. Denver, in a large four-story house. "I am excited about what we have to offer the community," said Pam Thurman, program director. For more information, call 592-0695.

Winter Energy Assistance

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Division of Community Services, will assist eligible low income households with winter heating costs for those Indians age 60 years and older residing within the Creek Nation.

Amount of Assistance: For primary household heating source

Natural Gas - **$150.00** - to be paid to gas company - Bring your statement.

Propane - **$150.00** - To be paid to vendor upon delivery and acceptance by participant

Wood - **$150.00** - To be paid vendor upon delivery and acceptance by participant

Eligibility: To be eligible for the Creek Nation Low Income Energy Assistance Program, *all of the following information must be brought to the signup site and verified.*

-Applicant must be an American Indian, age 60 years and over

-Verification of Indian Ancestry; Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) Card

-Verification of total household income; eligibility is based according to income guidelines. Bring recent payroll check stubs or copies, Social Security statements, etc.

-Verification of residency within Creek Nation service delivery area; a utility statement with your address printed on statement

-Person must complete and sign an application form. Persons are permitted to have someone apply on their behalf only with a signed statement authorizing another person to apply in their behalf. Statement must be brought in at time and location of signup.

-Applicants will be assisted subject to the availability of funds.

Income Guidelines:

Family Size	Annual Income	Monthly Income
1	$8,655	$721.25
2	$11,595	$966.25
3	$14,535	$1,211.25
4	$17,475	$1,456.25
5	$20,415	$1,701.25
6	$23,355	$1,946.25

For each additional household member after six (6) increase annual income limit by **$2,940.**

Location, Date and Time:

Tulsa District-
Monday, Dec. 5, 1989 - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Native American Coalition Bldg.
1740 W. 41st St., Tulsa
Creek District
Monday, Dec. 5, 1988 - 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Kellyville Indian Community Center
Old Silver Dollar Ballroom, highway 66, Kellyville
Muskogee District
Tuesday, Dec. 6, 1988 - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Muskogee Indian Community Center
111 S. Virginia, Muskogee
Wagoner District
Tuesday, Dec. 6, 1988 - 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Koweta Indian Community Center, Coweta
Hughes District
Wednesday, Dec. 7, 1988 - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Holdenville Indian Community Center, Holdenville
Okfuskee District
Wednesday, Dec. 7, 1988 - 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Social Services Mobile Home, Creek Nation Community Hospital, Okemah
McIntosh District
Thursday, Dec. 8, 1988 - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Eufaula Indian Community Center, Eufaula
Okmulgee District
Thursday, Dec. 8, 1988 - 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Okmulgee Indian Community Center, Okmulgee

Plans started for 1989 Oklahoma City NCAI 46th Annual Convention-

The Planning Committee and volunteers for the 46th Annual NCAI Convention to be held in Oklahoma City in 1989 met recently at the Sheraton Century , OKC.

A reception was hosted by NCAI executive director, Susan Shown Harjo.

Juanita Ahtone, convention coordinator, announced the event will be held October 2-6, 1989, at the Myriad in downtown OKC. The convention headquarters will be the Sheraton Century, which is located across from the Myriad. Activities for the convention include an arts and crafts show, Miss NCAI Pageant, a parade, a pow-wow, souvenir sales, as well as addressing national Indian and Alaskan Native concerns.

Ahtone stressed the need for assistance from individuals and tribes in making the 1989 NCAI Convention a success. Volunteers are needed in areas of transportation, commercial art, photography and video tape, registration, messengers, doctor and nurse care, reproducing documents, sales, pow-wow, parade, stage production, security, youth activities, luncheons, reception coordinators, hosts and fund raising.

"We want to make the '89 convention the biggest and best convention ever. We cannot do it without your help and support. We have a lot to do between now and October 1989. We can do it," stated Edgar French, Anadarko Area NCAI Vice-President and Delaware Chairman.

French urged the people and tribes to renew their NCAI membership. He noted that only four western Oklahoma tribes are members of the National Congress of American Indians. Those tribes are the Delewares, Kaws, Caddo and the Cheyenne & Arapaho.

Susan Shown Harjo gave an update on the pending bingo legislation (S.55) before Congress. On convention planning, Harjo said the possibilities were endless on what the Planning Committee can do to make the convention a success.

National Congress of American Indians is headquartered in Washington, D.C. NCAI, established in 1944 to protect and promote Indian treaty, cultural, traditional and property rights, is the oldest and largest national Indian organization of American Indian and Alaskan Native governments and peoples.

For more information on the 46th Annual NCAI Convention or to volunteer to assist in making the convention a success, contact Edgar French at the Delaware Tribal Office at Anadarko.

Native American Press sets annual conference for Tulsa, March 1989

BOULDER COLORADO--The Native American Press Association (NAPA) has scheduled its 5th Annual Journalism and Education Training Conference for March 2-4, 1989 at the Sheraton-Kensington in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The event is expected to attract about 300 participants from all over the country.

The conference will include workshops and speakers in print and broadcast journalism. The theme "The Indian Journalist: Keeping Tradition Alive" will focus on increasing and improving journalism skills for Native journalists. Workshops are scheduled in the following areas: newswriting, layout and design, newspaper editing, photojournalism, feature writing, editorial writing, and radio and video production.

As a special feature, the conference will offer public relations workshops to help tribes, organizations and individuals work with the media.

An awards brunch is also planned to honor Indian Country's best writers, reporters, radio and newspapers. Scholarships will be awarded to outstanding high school and undergraduate journalism students.

For more information contact: Susan Arkeketa, P.O. Box 1734, Boulder, Colorado 80306.

Birth Announcement. . .

HEIDI HILL

Soloman and Kim Hill of Bristow announce the birth of their fifth daughter, Heidi, born August 23, at 9:50 p.m. She weighed seven pounds and six ounces. Heidi's paternal grandparents are Joann Hill, Bristow, and the late George Hill. Greatgrandmother is Sarah Coker Hicks, Okemah. Maternal grandparents are Gail Williams, Midwest City and George White, Bristow. Great-great grandmother is Ina Frazier of Bristow.

***Jennifer Brown Celebrates 4th Birthday** on September 1. She is the daughter of Mindy Brown, Okmulgee, and the granddaughter of Betty Brown, Okmulgee. Her aunts and uncles are Donna Brown, Richard Brown, Kathy Polen and Vince Polen.*

Larry Curry

Creek named to post at East Central University

Muscogee citizen Larry E.G. Curry has joined the staff of the Small Business Development Center at East Central University in Ada as a field representative. His responsibilities include assisting small businesses with operational problems. The SBDC serves small businesses in 13 counties. Curry and his wife Terri, have two children: Zachary, 4, and Megan, 15 months.

OKC Indian Program Starts Native American Film Commission-

A non-profit organization, the Oklahoma Native American Film Commission, has been designed to promote Native American involvement in all areas of the entertainment industry.

The Commission has been established through the American Indian Training and Employment Program, Oklahoma City, with Bunty Anquoe as coordinator.

The Commission will create and develop opportunities and provide training for employment for actor and actresses, singers, musicians, and technicians. Anquoe says there are and will be many opportunities in these areas for qualified American Indians.

In a letter to tribal leaders, Anquoe also says, "It is our concern that cinematic perception of Native Americans should be reflected as accurately and authentically as possible and achievement of this ideal requires trained and competent Native American performers. We hope to be a major source of talent not only for Oklahoma productions, but for the major production companies, both film and television, on both coasts."

Interested persons should contact Anquoe for applications and inquiries at 1501 Classen Blvd, Suite 100, Oklahoma City, Ok. 73106 or by phone at 405/521-9047.

"Straight Talk for Indian Families"-

"STRAIGHT TALK FOR INDIAN FAMILIES" is a program designed to improve family communication about sexuality. The Oklahoma City Indian Clinic and Planned Parenthood of Central Oklahoma, joint project organizers, invite and urge interested Indian families to participate in this unique project.

"We are excited about the program because of the tremendous need for parents and children to have a better understanding about sexuality," stated Jeanne Webb, a member of the Creek tribe and Native American sexuality educator.

Historically, each tribe, in some form or manner, dealt with the issue of sexuality according to the customs, ceremonies, and traditions of the tribe. The program has been adapted to be culturally sensitive and appropriate to each tribal group.

Billy Rogers, Kiowa, notes, "This is the only Native American program which we are aware of that deals specifically with family communication and sexuality. It is for parents and preadolescents, and is a positive way to begin addressing and discussing sexuality issues within the Indian family."

"The birth rate for Indian mothers, age 15-19, is nearly *twice* the rate for white mothers," stresses Mary Helen Deer-Smith, a Kiowa-Creek, and Director of the OKC Indian Clinic. "Indian youth are getting sexuality education from many sources. Unfortunately, much of the information is stereotyped, misleading and inaccurate."

Workshops, led by male and female Indian facilitators can be held in the home, schools, churches, tribal complexes and other settings. In addition, activities and times can be arranged for particular needs.

The four-hour workshop is designed to: promote the belief that it is important for parents and children to discuss sexuality issues with each other; increase the quality and quantity of family communication on the topic of sexuality; provide a setting for open, candid dialogue about sexuality in an accepting, fun and warm setting; and provide information on sexuality topics (pregnancy, values, AIDS and decision making).

During the month of June, three Straight Talk programs were conducted for Indian families. In addition, educators provided presentations for several Indian summer youth programs. These programs reached over 400 youth in grades 7 through 12.

For more information, or to arrange a Straight Talk session, contact Planned Parenthood of Central Oklahoma, 619 NW 23rd Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73103, phone number 405/525-0344.

International Literary Journal to publish Indian issue—

Nimrod, the International Journal of Fiction and Poetry, is now accepting submissions for *Oklahoma Indian Markings,* Volume 32, Number 2, Spring 1989. The writings will be about Indians by Indians with an emphasis on the contemporary. All manuscripts should be submitted with an enclosed self addressed stamped envelope to *Oklahoma Indian Markings"* Nimrod, 2210 South Main, Tulsa, OK 74114.

The deadline for entries and submissions is November 30.

NIEA '88 POW-WOW COMMITTEE MEMBERS are shown, left to right, Pam Iron, Special Events Chairman for NIEA, Dorcus Williams, Evans Ray Satepauhoodle- Pow Wow Committee Chairman, Thomasine Moore, and Clarissa Ware Shaw.

Oklahoma Style Pow Wow planned for NIEA Tulsa Conference, November 16

NIEA Pow Wow committee chairman, Evans Ray Satepauhoodle, has announced there will be an Oklahoma southern-style Pow Wow at the Tulsa Convention Center on November 16 in conjunction with the 20th Annual NCAI Constitutional Conference that will be held in Tulsa during the week of November 13-17.

Satepauhoodle said the Pow Wow will not be a contest. It will be an educational and learning experience and he is encouraging everyone to attend.

"INDIAN YOUTH: Learners Today. . . Leaders Tommorrow", is the theme for the NIEA Conference that is expected to draw Indian educators from across the United States.

Satepauhoodle said the Pow Wow will begin with Gourd Dancing at 4:00 p.m., continuing until 7:30 p.m. The Parade-In will start at 8:00 p.m. with the Oklahoma Inter-tribal Vietnam Era Veterans and the Kiowa Black Legging Society, Anadarko, as host color guard. Host Gourd Clans are Kiowa Gourd Clan, Carnegie, and Osage Gourd Clan, Pawhuska.

HMD is Steve Pratt, HLD is Christina Hart, 1987 Miss Indian Oklahoma and 1985 NIEA Outstanding Student of the Year.

HWDS, Frank Adson; HGDS, Leonard Cozad, Sr.; M.C., Archie Mason and Tom Roughface, Arena directors are Perry Aunko, Howard Todome and Don Green Feather.

The NIEA Planning Committee members are: Clarissa Ware Shaw, Dorcus Williams and Thomasine Moore. Pam Iron is also working with the committee as Special Events Chair.

For more information call The Oklahoma Council for Indian Education at 918/665-0595.

THE JUNIOR MISS TITLE *of the Weleetka Pride Day Beauty Pageant was bestowed upon Cinda Fife, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fife, Weleetka. The 13-year old is a seventh grade honor student, class vice-president and participates in sports. She is the granddaughter of James and the late Carmen Fife.*

Handgame & "49" Contest to be held during NIEA-

A Western Style Open Handgame, Lulu Contest and "49" Contest will take place during the Tulsa NIEA Conference at the Doubletree Hotel on November 14.

All three events are "Chemical Free" (no alcoholic beverages). Chairman is Lewis Cozad. The following rules will apply with the decision of the judges as final:

HANDGAME

14 Sticks- 5 Match Games

Best Singer $30/Best Hider $30

Best Guess $30

Singers must register and participate in all five match games. Guesser and hider- the winner will be the person who earns the most sticks for their side.

LULU CONTEST

1st-$100, 2nd-$75, 3rd-$50

Each contestant must register. When your number is called each contestant will be judged accordingly.

"49" CONTEST

1st-$200, 2nd-$100, 3rd-$50

Best Man Lead Singer, $25

Best Woman Singer, $25

Must register each drum with a roster of four singers minimum. Must remain with registered drum. Each singer will sing three songs, four push-ups each, when their number is called.

NEA offers new books for at-risk students-

WASHINGTON, D.C.-- To compete in today's high-technology world economy, America needs more well-educated workers than ever before. But demographic statistics point to a shrinking labor pool riddled by growing numbers of those at risk for educational failure.

These growing numbers of at-risk students need help to succeed in school, and the National Education Association is taking new steps to provide the help that at-risk students need.

This fall, the NEA Professional Library is publishing two new works specifically prepared to help teachers better meet the needs of students at risk for academic failure.

The first of the two new books, *At Risk, Low-Achieving Students in the Classroom*, describes the learning problems of hard-to-reach students and stresses the importance of high teacher expectations. Authors Judy Brown Lehr and Hazel Wiggins Harris also emphasize the need to distinguish between individual student learning styles and offer a variety of research-based strategies to help at-risk students learn.

Any serious review of effective schools research, the authors note, makes it clear that if we want to encourage students to stay in school, the learning environment must be organized for students to succeed.

Explain the authors: "Studies indicate that many programs designed to reduce the number of school dropouts do not give serious attention to changing teacher and administrator attitudes toward these students or to methods of teaching them."

At-Risk Students Thinking; Perspectives from Research- the second of the new fall offerings from NEA Professional Library- features essays by eight educators and researchers. The book, edited by Barbara Z. Presseisen, examines common assumptions about low achievers and explores how best to teach such students higher-order thinking skills.

"The ability to use information and the skill to make decisions and solve problems are at the heart of a computor-based economy, which some researchers see as transforming the workplace," says Presseisen.

"If at-risk students are to be a part of this major transformation," she adds, "they, too, must become skilled in the higher mental process underlying computation. Traditionally conceived basic skills as the goals of universal education are just not enough."

Presseisen is director of National Networking at Research for Better Schools, the Mid-Atlantic educational laboratory in Philadelphia, and author of two other works on thinking published by the NEA Professional Library.

Lehr and Harris both teach at Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina. Lehr directs the Center of Excellence Project, which trains teachers to work with at-risk, low-achievers. Harris is director of graduate studies.

At-Risk, Low-Achieving Students in the Classroom (3338-8, $9.95) and At-Risk Students and Thinking: Perspectives from Research (1483-9, $12.95) are available through the NEA Professional Library, P.O. Box 509, West Haven, Connecticut 06516.

Buckle-Up America!

CN National Council Minutes

QUARTERLY SESSION - July 30, 1988

CALL TO ORDER: Kenneth Childers, Speaker of the National Council

A motion was made by Leah Stacy that Juanita Dunson and Rita Williams be the acting secretaries for this meeting and that they be compensated for their services. Motion was seconded by Helen Chupco. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL: A quorum was declared with 21 members present. Those absent were: Johnson Buck, Harvey Gilroy, Carney Roberts, Robert Buck and Donna Rhodes.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Old Business: Speaker Childers, at the request of Clarence Cloud, asked for a reconsideration of ***NCA 88-37.*** Motion was made by Cloud and seconded by Larry Bible. Motion carried with 15 in Favor, six Opposed and one abstension.

VETO MESSAGE: NCA 88-31, Appropriating Funds to Acquire an Established Business and All Related Property and Equipment Known as Fashioncraft Industries located in Henryetta, Oklahoma, to the National Council with the following objections: The enterprise is no longer feasible as an economic development project for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

Veto message was read by the Speaker. Motion was made by Frank Kamp to move this item down the agenda under ***Other Business.*** Motion was seconded by Barton Williams. Motion carried with 14 in Favor, five Opposed and no abstensions.

NEW BUSINESS: 7B. A Bill Reserving the Receipts of Funds from BIA IIM Accounts. Section 101. The National Council finds that: A) The BIA was instructed by the Assistant Secretary of the Interior to forward tribal monies to IIM accounts to the tribal government; B) the BIA has forwarded $281,637.37 to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and has requested an ordinance authorizing the tribal government to hold the funds pending expenditure; C) It is in the best interest of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation to invest the funds in interest bearing accounts until such time that expenditures are authorized by ordinance. ***Section 102.*** The Principal Chief is authorized to request from the BIA an accounting of the source of revenue from IIM accounts. ***Section 103.***

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Pending an ordinance for expenditure, the following funds are to be placed in an interest bearing account until appropriated by ordinance:

Tribal Revenues from IIM Accounts
Economic Development 9977/2614 Creek Tribe Dairy Program Account, $850.24
Tribal Welfare 9977/2628 Creek Welfare Services Account, $849.06
IIM Rehabilitation Earnings Creek Tribe of Oklahoma - Hanna Project, $278,778.66
Tribal Government Operations 9977/2621 Creek Nation Account, $1,159.37

Motion was made by Jerry Wilson to approve the bills with amendments. Second by Jonas Dunson. Motion carried: 17 in Favor, four Opposed, one abstension.

An amendment was made by Frank Kamp to ***Section 102*** to read: "The Principal Chief, shall, within 10 days of the date of this ordinance, request from the IIM Account." Second by Harley Little. Motion carried with 15 in Favor, four opposed and one abstension.

7C. A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Appropriating Bingo Revenue for Purchase of buses for the Head Start Program

After the Bill was read, a motion was made by Larry Bible and seconded by George Almerigi to approve the Bill with amendments.

An amendment was made by Frank Kamp under ***Section 207*** to read "Indirect Cost Funds Authorized for Contracts and Grants listed in ***Section 153***, shall not be expended without an Indirect Cost Budget being approved by the National Council." Seconded by Bill Burden. Motion carried with 19 in Favor, one Opposed and no abstensions.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

7E: A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Establishing the Executive Management Board for Hospitals and Clinics.

A motion was made by Ed Frye to send this item back to the National Council acting as a Committee of the Whole, at the next planning session. Second by Irene Cleghorn. Motion carried with 17 in Favor, two Opposed and no abstensions.

7F. A bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Appropriating Bingo Revenues to make Improvements to the Muskogee Indian Community Facility in Muskogee, Oklahoma. ***Section 101.*** The National Council finds that A) The Muskogee Indian Community in Muskogee, Oklahoma has been duly chartered and is using the tribal facility for community purposes. B) The facility can be enhanced by making improvements to the roof, heating and air conditioning at the center C) The Community has solicited bids for the improvements and has received a proposal totaling $38,260 for the improvements. ***Section 102.*** The National Council hereby appropriates $38,260 from Bingo revenues for this purpose.

Motion was made by Barton Williams to send this Bill back to the National Council acting as a Committee of the Whole at the next planning session. Seconded by Mickey Primeaux. Motion carried with 11 in Favor, eight Opposed, no Abstensions.

Three requests were made of the Muskogee Community. 1) Bring three itemized bids from contractors. 2) Show sources of any income. 3) Provide an itemized list of exercise equipment.

QUARTERLY REPORTS: The Speaker introduced Principal Chief Claude Cox. Second Speaker of the National Council Frank Kamp instructed the recording secretaries and Jim Wolfe of the Communications Department, that this portion of the meeting was a part of the Quarterly Session and as such, shall be recorded as a part of the minutes. Frank Kamp questioned the Principal Chief concerning several ordinances that had not been complied with. Specifically, NCA 81-05, NCA 88-23 and NCA 88-22 which concerns submission of a personnel policy to the National Council for approval

REGULAR SESSION: August 27,1988

INVOCATION: Thomas Berryhill

CALL TO ORDER: Kenneth Childers, Speaker, National Council, Muscogee Nation

ROLL CALL: A roll call was taken, with Speaker declaring a quorum with 23 present, three absent. Those absent were Roy Bear, Mickey Primeaux and Carney Roberts.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: For April 30, Quarterly Session and June 25 Regular Session

Motion was made by Jonas Dunson and seconded by Larry Bible to approve the minutes with corrections of an omission of adding the proper past tense of word and to correct a dollar figur of $5,000. Upon a motion having been made and duly seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: 21 in Favor, None Against and No Abstensions. Motion carried.

The Chair entertained a motion: June 25 Regular Session. A motion was made by Harley Little and seconded by Ed Frye to approve the minutes with corrections. Corrections being on page one. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: 20 in Favor, none Against and One Abstension.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Old Business. A message of the Principal Chief returning ***NCA 88-40*** to the National Council with Objections. The message was read and considered as follows:

August 15, 1988, I Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief of the Muscogee Creek Nation, do hereby return ***NCA 88-40*** entitled "Providing Authorization for Tribal Contracts and Services and Programs for FY-89" to the National Council with the following objections: ***OBJECTION:*** Section 207 of the Legislation Should be Deleted from the Ordinances. The Executive Branch has forwarded all information regarding indirect costs to the National Council. Further, the issue has been completely addressed at several Council and Committee Meetings. Administrative costs associated with the operation of contracts and grants are required to fulfill the programs. ***RECOMMENDATION:*** In order to assure program operation in FY 1989, ***Section 207*** should be deleted. Therefore, ***NCA 88-40*** is returned as a veto.

The message having been read, the Chair entertained a motion to override the veto. A motion was made by Frank Kamp and seconded by Tommy Newton to override the veto. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: 11 in Favor, ten Against, and no Abstensions. Motion did not carry. The two-thirds vote as required by the Constitution was not received.

8-A. A bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Providing Authorization for Contracts to Provide Services for FY-89. The Bill was read and considered as follows:

Section 101. The National Council finds that A) The Muscogee Nation has satisfactorily performed its contractural obligations throughout the past several fiscal years. B) Federal, state and other contracts are currently necessary for the tribal delivery of needed services to Indians within the Muscogee Nation and C) Federal, state and other contracts should be authorized for Fiscal Year 89.

Section 102. It is the policy of the Muscogee Nation to utilize federal, state and other contracts for the tribal delivery of necessary services to Indians within the Muscogee Nation. ***Section 151.*** Contracts described by this ordinance are hereby authorized for Fiscal Year 1989. ***Section 152.*** The authority of the Muscogee Nation to enter into contracts for 1989 Fiscal Year is hereby delegated to the Principal Chief under terms of this ordinance. ***Section 153. The Muscogee Nation shall enter into contracts and grants with federal, state and other entities including but not limited to: A. The United States of America 1) The Department of the Interior, 2) Department of Health and Human Services, 3) Department of Agriculture, 4) Department of Labor B. Reserved Section 201.*** In performance of the above described contracts, the following guidelines are hereby imposed upon the Principal Chief: A. The scope of each contract shall be the maximum amount of services which is contractable (or, for area-wide or multi-tribal share as negotiated) and, in the judgement of the Principal Chief, which the Muscogee Nation is capable of fulfilling. B. A negotiating team is hereby created to consist of the Principal Chief, Executive Director and the Director of the Division of proposed to implement the contract, and the negotiating team is hereby vested with the authority to negotiate any contract and amendments thereto. Any disagreement among the negotiating team shall be settled by a binding majority vote. C. The Principal Chief of the Muscogee Nation is hereby authorized to implement each contract and any amendments thereto. D. The authorities granted by this ordinance shall expire September 30, 1989 provided that: 1)contract extensions approved by both parties to contract shall continued under the authorities of this ordinance 2) contracts which do not exceed the time limits in ***Section 201*** of this ordinance shall continue under the authorities of this ordinance E. Review of contract proposals contained in ***Section 153*** of this ordinance by amendment. G. Upon amendment of ***Section 153*** of this ordinance, the Secretary shall be required to compile an amended version of this ordinance, and the Speaker and the Principal Chief shall be required to execute original signatures to the amended versions of this ordinance. H. All contracts shall commence on or after October 1, 1988. I. All contracts shall be for a period of not more than three years. ***Section 202.*** Funds received by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation under any contract authorized by the ordinance are hereby appropriated for the sole purpose of the contracts and the Principal Chief is instructed to expend those funds in accordance with applicable contract and other requirements. ***Section 203.*** Budget modifications may be proposed by the Principal Chief to the agency and if approved, may be implemented. ***Section 204.*** The Principal Chief is directed to enter into lease of tribal facilities on behalf of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation to tribal programs under contract and to federal programs needing office, program or storage space, when such federal programs serve Indian residents or citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. All such funds received are hereby appropriated to the tribal Real Property and Facilities Program. ***Section 205*** No request to retrocede any contract under this ordinance is authorized to be made without an ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. ***Section 206.*** The Principal Chief is authorized to obtain such residual or carry-over funds, to be applied to a contract for the same general purposes.

The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Jerry Wilson and seconded by Johnson Buck to approve Bill 8-A. A motion was made by Donna Rhodes and seconded by George Almerigi to amend ***Section 202*** by adding the phrase "and notification of proceedings shall be made to the National Council".

Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being 22 in Favor, none Against and no Abstensions. Motion carried. The amendment to ***Section 202*** was approved as read and shall be recorded as such into the final draft of the bill.

Amendment. A motion was made by Frank Kamp and seconded by Bill Burden to add a new section; ***Section 207*** to read "Indirect Cost funds authorized for *contracts and grants* listed in ***Section 153*** shall not be expended without an indirect cost budget being approved by the National Council."

Upon a motion having been made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being Twelve in Favor, Ten Against and no abstensions. Those voting against the amendment were: Almerigi, Dunson, Bible, Frye, Johnson Buck, Gilroy, Chupco, Wilson, Robert Buck, Little. Motion carried. The amendment to add a new section was approved as read.

Amendment. A motion was made by Thomas Berryhill and seconded by Bill Burden to amend ***Section 206*** by adding the language, "notification of the proceedings shall be made to the National Council."

Upon a motion having been made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being Twenty-two in Favor, none Against, and no abstensions.

Motion carried. The amendment to ***Section 206*** was approved as read.

Amendment. A motion was made by Jerry Wilson and seconded by George Almerigi to amend ***Bill 8-A*** by adding a new section, ***Section 208*** to read "The Muscogee Nation is hereby authorized to receive and expend funds in accordance with the indirect cost agreement and budget, effective for Fiscal Year 1989."

Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being Thirteen in Favor, Eight Against and one Abstension. Those opposed were McIntosh, Cloud, Newton, Berryhill, Kamp, Stacy, Burden, Williams. Cleghorn abstained.

Motion carried. The amendment to add a new section was approved as read.

Approval vote ***BILL 8-A.*** Upon a motion having been made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being 13 in Favor, Nine Against and no abstensions. Those voting against the bill were Newton, McIntosh, Berryhill, Kamp, Stacy, Wilson, Williams, Burden and Little.

Motion carried. The ***BILL 8-A*** was approved as amended and shall be recorded as such.

Amendment: A motion was made by Larry Bible and seconded by Jerry Wilson to amend ***Section 153 (1);*** Department of Interior (2). At this point the Chair entertained a motion for recess for five minutes. A motion was made by Leah Stacy and seconded by Helen Chupco to take a five minute recess. Upon a motion having been made and duly seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being 12 in Favor, seven Against, three abstensions. Those opposed were: McIntosh, Newton, Dunson, Frye, Rhodes, Wilson and Little. Motion carried. The meeting was recessed.

The meeting was called back to order, the motion to amend ***Section 153*** was made as follows: Under the Department of Interior add the following programs: Community Services General, Aid to Tribal Government, Tribal Courts, Real Estate Appraisal Program, Housing Improvem Program, Adult Education, JOM Early Childhood Other Employment Assistance, Agriculture Program, Natural resources/Water Resources, Real Estate Services/Other Rights Protection, Higher Education, Adult Vocational Training, Eufaula Dormitory and Social Services.

Under the Department of Health and Human Services add: Head Start Training and Technical Assistance, Head Start Handicap, Head Start P.A. 17 FULL Year, Part Day, Centerbased, Low Income Energy Assistance Program, Community Services Block Grant, (Eyeglass Wear), Creek Nation Community Hospital, Creek Nation Dental Clinics, (Eufaula, Sapulpa, Okmulgee).

Under the Department of Agriculture add: "Food Distribution Program"

Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: 22 in Favor, none Against, No Abstensions. Motion Carried. The amendment was approved as read and shall be recorded as such.

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8-B A BILL of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Amending NCA 87-30; the Medical Aid Services Program. The BILL was read and considered as follows: ***Section 101.*** The National Council finds that monies are extremely low and there is need for additional funding to make it through the remainder of the Fiscal Year. ***Section 103,*** the budget for Emergency Medical Aid Services shall be increased by and additional $10,000 with the monies being appropriated from Bingo Revenues.

The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Harley Little and seconded by Harvey Gilroy to approve the BILL as read. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being 22 in Favor, none Opposed and no Abstensions.

Motion carried. ***BILL 8-B*** was approved as read and shall be recorded as such.

8-C A BILL of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Appropriating Bingo Revenues to Supplement the National Council Line Item for the FY-89 Tribal Budget.

The Bill ***8-C*** was read and considered as follows:***Section 101.*** The National Council finds that the National Council line item for FY-88, the Tribal Budget is near depletion and does not have a sufficient amount of operating funds to carry the National Council throughout the remainder of FY-88. It is the intent of the National Council to use Bingo Revenues funds to supplement the National Council for 90 days. ***Section 102.***Tribal Ordinance, ***NCA 87-48*** is hereby amended at ***Section 101 (2) (a) and (b)*** by supplementing the National Council line item for staff and member costs and operating expenses. ***Section 103.*** The amount of $40,000 is hereby authorized for expenditures and is appropriated from the Bingo Revenue Funds Account. ***Section 104.*** The Principal Chief is authorized to expend the appropriated amount for the line item stated in ***Section 101*** of this ordinance and it shall be expended in accordance to the guidelines as prescribed.

The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Bill Burden and seconded Barton Williams to approve ***BILL 8-C*** as read.

Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being 20 in Favor, Two Against and no Abstensions. Those opposed were Johnson Buck and Clyde Johnson.

Motion carried. The BILL ***8-C*** was approved as read and shall be recorded as such.

8-D A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation confirming Abe McIntosh to serve on the Governing Board of the Tribal Hospital and Clinics. The Bill was read and considered as follows: ***Section 101. Findings.*** The National Council finds that: A. Mr. Abe McIntosh is a full citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. B. Mr. McIntosh possesses the personality and professional attributes to be an asset to the Health system and governing body. ***Section 102.*** The National Council hereby confirms Abe McIntosh to serve as a tribal citizen member of the governing body of the tribal hospital clinics. ***Section 103.*** The term of appointment shall commence upon approval and shall expire on July 31, 1992. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Barton Williams and seconded by Jonas Dunson. Upon a motion duly made and seconded to approve BILL 8-D, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Eighteen in favor, two against, one abstention. Voting yes were; Almerigi, McIntosh, Berryhill, Kamp, Bible, Frye J. Buck, Gilroy, C. Johnson, Leah Stacy, Burden, Thomas, Chupco, Wilson, Williams, R. Buck, Little. No were: Cleghorn, Cloud, and abstaining was Rhodes. Motion carried. Bill 8-D was approved as read and shall be recorded as such.

8-E A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Providing Funds for the Purchase of Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tax Stamps. The Bill was read and considered as follows: ***Section 101. Findings.*** The National Council finds that: A. The Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation allows for the Collection of tribal taxes within the boundary of the Creek Nation. B. The National Council has established the Creek Nation Tax Commission for the purpose of regulating and collecting tribal taxes. C. Creek Nation Tax Ordinance, NCA 86-06 requires all cigarette packages sold through licensed tobacco outlets shall have affixed to them the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tax Revenue Stamp. D. An increased volume of tribally taxed cigarette sales during FY 1988, has resulted in the need for additional tax stamps for use through the end of FY-88. ***Section 102.*** The National Council hereby authorizes the expenditure of $5,550.00 for the purchase of additional tax stamps. A. The anticipated additional stock necessary for use through the end of FY-88 is ten cases. B. The money for this appropriation shall be provided from Tax Revenue account No. 100-8234-0615. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Larry Bible and seconded by Jerry Wilson to approve Bill 8-E as read. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty-one in favor, none against, no abstentions. Motion carried. Bill 8-E was approved as read and shall be recorded as such.

8-F A BILL of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Appropriating the Tribal Budget for Fiscal Year 1989.

A motion was made by Harley Little and seconded by Larry Bible to omit the reading of the Bill, but to enter it into the Journal as though it had.

Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being 21 in Favor, none Against and no Abstensions.

Motion carried. The Bill was not read.

Section 101. The Principal Chief for Fiscal Year 1989 has been properly prepared by the Principal Chief and duly considered by the National Council and is hereby authorized and appropriated as follows:

I. The Three Year Plan

A. Tribal Government

1. Executive Office

(a) Office of the Principal Chief $105,522

Principal Chief - $30,000

Principal Chief - $30,000; Second Chief - $8,000; Controller - $3,500; Secretary - $21,387; Fringe Benefits - $19,181; Operating Expense - $23,454

(b) Office of Justice - $32,904

Legal Secretary - $20,174; Staff Attorney/Legal Counsel - $31,800; Fringe benefits - $15,583; Operating expenses - $10,000

(c) Citizenship Board - $32,904

Clerk - $16,932; Fringe Benefits - $7,130; Operating Expenses - $10,808

(d) Election Board - $58,547

Clerk - $12,568; Part-time temporary clerks 2 for $7,310; Board Secretary $21,287; Fringe Benefits $11,547; Election and operating expense - $5,735

(2). National Council - $94,581

(a) Secretary - $26,301; Fringe Benefits - $8,022; Member Costs and Operating Expense - $60,258.

(3). Judicial System - $41,244

Court Clerk - $19,006; Fringe Benefits - $5,797; Member Cost and operating expense - $16,444

Total Tribal Government - $410,625

B. Tribal Programs established by ordinance to promote the health, safety, welfare, rights, and other needs of the Muscogee (Creek) people....$136,875

C. Economic Development - Tribal and Community Project and enterprises which provide income and employment for tribal entity, as approved by ordinance....$273,750

D. Social Welfare - 1) 33 percent of annual amount for emergency funds for eligible Indians according to guidelines established by ordinance; 2) 67 percent of annual amount for Welfare Financial Assistance for Muscogee (Creek) Indians who are 50 years of age or older, according to guidelines established by Ordinance....$410,625

F. Higher Education - Scholarships to colleges, universities and vocational schools for Muscogee (Creek) Indians, according to guidelines established by Ordinance....$136,875

Total Three Year Plan....$1,368,750

II. Income Lands and Leases/7151

A. Council Members Costs and Operating expenses....$95,269

B. Judicial System....$45,609

C Tribal Government Operation....$74,199

Total Land and Leases/7151....$215,077

III. Docket 21/276

A. Capital Acquisition....$18,109

IV. Docket 275

A. Education-Scholarships....$180,062

Scholarships to colleges, universities & vocational schools for exceptional Muscogee (Creek) students and revolving student loans.

B. Economic Development....$2,520

Development of Tribal enterprises, industry and land purchases from which the tribe may realize a production return.

C. Welfare and Tribal Burial....$6,421

Grants in certain areas of welfare and medical aid to tribal members who are without other sources of assistance.

D. Attorney fees and expenses....$38,819

Funds to pay legal counsel in accordance with contracts approved by the Principal Chief, National Council, and Department of the Interior.

E. Program Development....$11,314

Funds to meet the costs and expenses of development new tribal programs.

F. Tribal Claim Development....$61,820

Funds available for expenditures on the claims.

G. Tribal Government Operations....$24,921

Funds available for administrative costs associated with tribal governments.

Total Docket 275....$235,907

Total Tribal Budget....$1,325,907

Section 102. The Principal Chief is hereby authorized to request early buyouts of funds from the Bureau of Indian Affairs as needed to properly administer this tribal budget ordinance and any additional amendments to this budget during the Fiscal Year. Funds authorized in Section 101 are appropriated from tribal funds as follows:

I. Three Year Plan

A thru E: 9783/2624 Three Year Plan

9988/2624 Three Year Plan

9981/2624 Three Year Plan

9982/2624 Three Year Plan

II. Income-Land & Leases 7151

A: 7151 Revenues Income-Land & Leases

III. Docket 21/276

A. 9459/2615 Docket 21/276-Land & Buildings

9959/2615 Docket 21/276-Land & Buildings

9777/2615 Docket 21/276-Land & Buildings

9277/2615 Docket 21/275-Land & Buildings

IV. Docket 275

A. 9977/2612 Docket 275-Scholarship

B. 9477/9977/2615 Docket 275/Econ. Dev.

C. 9977/2618 Docket 275 Tribal Welfare

D. 9977/2620 Docket 275-Fee and Expense

E. 9977/2620 Docket 275-Program Development

F. 9477/9977/2644 Docket 275-Tribal Claims

G. 9977/2621 Docket 275-Tribal Government Operations

Section 103. Total appropriations in this Ordinance may not be modified or changed except by Ordinance. However, the Principal Chief is authorized to modify line items within total under "A". Tribal government, 1, Executive Branch. The chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by George Almerigi and seconded by Clyde Johnson to approve Bill 8-F as amended. The Chair entertained discussion. A motion was made by Frank Kamp and seconded by Harley Little to amend BILL 8-F by adding a Section 104 to read: "Total Appropriation in Section 101 (1) (2) (a) & (b) shall be placed in an account entitled "National Council Account and no withdrawals shall be made from th this account without the authorization of the Speaker of the National Council. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Nineteen in favor, two against, no abstensions. In favor were; Almerigi, Cleghorn, McIntosh, Cloud, Berryhill, Dunson, Kamp, Bible, Frye, Rhodes, Gilroy, Stacy, Burden, Thomas, Chupco, Wilson, Williams, R. Buck, Little. Voting No were: J. Buck, Clyde Johnson. Motion did carry. The amendment was approved as read and shall be reflected into the final draft of the said Bill (8-F). Further discussion and Amendments. A motion was made by Frank Kamp and seconded by Billie Burden to amend Bill 8-F by adding an additional section; Section 105 to read as follows: "Total Appropriations in Section 101 (I) (2) (a) (b) shall be placed in an account entitled "National Council Account and no withdrawals shall be made from this account without the authorization of the Chief Justice of the Judicial System. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: eighteen in favor, three against and no abstentions. Voting yes were: Almerigi, Cleghorn, McIntosh, Cloud, Berryhill, Dunson, Kamp, Bible, Frye, Rhodes, Stacy, Burden, Thomas, Chupco, Wilson, Williams, R. Buck, Little. Voting No were: J. Buck, Gilroy, Johnson. Motion carried. The amendment was approved as read and shall be reflected in the final draft of the bill 8-F. Approval vote of Bill 8-F. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being; Eighteen in favor, three against and no abstenstions. Voting yes were: Almerigi, McIntosh, Berryhill, Dunson, Kamp, Bible, Frye, Rhodes, J. Buck, Gilroy, Johnson, Stacy, Burden, Chupco, Wilson, Williams, R. Buck

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Little, and voting No were; Cleghorn, Cloud, Thomas. The motion carried. The Tribal Budget was approved as amended.

8-G A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Confirming the Reappointment of Elliot Howe to serve as a Justice on the Supreme Court of the Muscogee Nation. The Bill was read and considered as follows: ***Section 101.*** Findings. The National Council finds that: A. A vacancy exists on the Supreme Court and there is a need to fill this vacancy. ***Section 102.*** The National Council hereby confirms the Principal Chief's nomination of Elliot Howe for reappointment to serve as a Justice on the Supreme Court.***Section 103.*** The term of office of the reappointment shall be for a term of years, effective, and ending . The bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by G. Almerigi and seconded by Johnson Buck to approve Bill 8-G.

A motion was made by Frank Kamp and seconded by Johnson Buck to amend the Bill at ***Section 103*** by adding the term of six years; fill in the effective date of July 1, 1988 and fill in the ending date with June 30, 1994.

Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being 13 in Favor, six Against and one Abstension. Those opposed were Cloud, Berryhill, Rhodes, Stacy

Motion carried. The amendment was approved.

Approval vote of ***8-G.***

Upon a motion having been made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being six in Favor, 13 Against and two Abstensions. Those opposed were: Cleghorn, McIntosh, Cloud, Berryhill, Dunson, Kamp, Bible, Frye, Rhodes, Stacy, Burden, Thomas. Those abstaining were Little and Wilson.

Motion did not carry. ***BILL 8-G*** was not approved and shall be recorded as such.

An additional motion was made by Bill Burden and seconded by Donna Rhodes to instruct the Speaker to contact the Principal Chief and request that he submit a different name of a candidate or nominee to fill this position.

Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: 18 in Favor, three Against and no Abstensions. Those opposed were Johnson Buck, Robert Buck and Helen Chupco.

Motion carried.

8-H A Bill of the Muscogee Nation Appropriating Bingo Revenue for the support of the Indian Art Market and Restoration Kick-Off of the Creek Indian Council House and Museum.

The Bill was read and considered as follows: ***Section 101.*** The National Council finds that: A) To provide funding for the Creek Indian Museum in Okmulgee for Oklahoma Indian Art Market, $20,000 and the Restoration Kick-Off $30,000. The Museum was constructed in 1878 for the Creek Indian Government to use as their capitol and is in need of restoration. The Creek Indian Memorial Association is a non-profit organization that has operated the museum since 1923. Approximately half of the CIMA Board members are Creek Indian citizens. CIMA has a plan to restore the Council House Museum. The City of Okmulgee maintains the staff and building to preserve our Creek Indian Museum. ***Section 102. Appropriation***- The Creek National Council hereby appropriates to CIMA $30,000 from Bingo revenue funds for Restoration of the Council House Museum. ***Section 103.*** The Principal Chief shall transfer the funds for this expenditure within ten days.

The Bill having been read the Chair entertained a motion.

A motion was made by Sandy McIntosh and seconded by Bill Burden to approve the Bill as read.

Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being 13 in Favor, six Against and no Abstensions. Those opposed were Cleghorn, Johnson Buck, Johnson, Chupco, Robert Buck and Little.

Motion carried. The ***Bill 8-H*** was approved as read and shall be recorded as such.

On behalf of the CIMA Board, Bill Burden stated that the CIMA Board had selected three people from the National Council to serve as an Advisory Board to the CIMA Board. Those persons are Leah Stacy, Thomas Beryhill and Alexander Thomas.

Items For Consideration.

A Motion was made by Helen Chupco and seconded by Johnson Buck to add ***Bill 8-I*** to the Agenda for consideration. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being 16 in Favor, none Against and no Abstensions.

Motion carried. Item ***8-I*** will be added to the Agenda for Consideration.

8-I A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Appropriating Funds for an Economic Development Enterprise (Bingo Operation) Checotah Indian Community. The Bill was read and considered as follows: ***Section 101.*** Findings. The National Council finds that: A. The Checotah Indian Community is a chartered entity of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. B. The Checotah Indian Community desires to begin an economic development enterprise which will be a "Bingo Operation." C. The Checotah Indian Community Center, with some modifications, will be suitable for a "Bingo Operation." ***Section 102.*** The sum of $95, 698.29 is hereby appropriated from the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Bingo Funds Account to meet the costs to establish a Bingo Operation by the Checotah Indian Community. The funds shall be used for the following:

A. $31,698.29 Renovation of building to include larger restrooms, air conditioning, heating, smoke-eaters, etc.
B. $30,000.00 Bingo Equipment
C. $16,000.00 Startup fund and prize money account.
D. $1,000.00 Employee Training
E. $5,000.00 Wages and salaries for first month.
F. $6,500.00 Kitchen stock.
G. $3,000.00 Advertising and promotion.
H. $2,500.00 Miscellaneous.

Total Budget.....$95,698.29

Section 103. Total funds listed in Section 101 shall be available to the Checotah Indian Community within 10 days of the date of this ordinance. ***Section 104.*** The Checotah Indian Community shall return to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation 60 percent of the net profit of the Bingo Operation. ***Section 105.*** The Checotah Indian Community shall return to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation 50 percent of the net profit earned from concessions during bingo sessions. ***Section 106.*** Funds not expended by the Checotah Indian Community for purposes listed in Section 101 shall be returned to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Bingo Account no later than November 1, 1988.

A motion was made by Johnson Buck and seconded by Clyde Johnson to approve the Bill as read.

Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being 11 in Favor, four Against and no abstensions. Those opposed were Burden, Cloud, Berryhill, Gilroy.

Motion carried. ***Bill 8-I*** was approved as read.

8-J A BILL of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Authorizing Appropriating Bingo Revenues to Supplement the Higher Education Program for FY-1989.

Section 101. The National Council finds that A) The National Council has the power to promote the education of citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. Constitution Article 7, sec. 7, B) The Department of Higher Education is presently unable to fund 225 new student applications for the 1988-89 school year from BIA funds,C) The Department of Higher Education is unable to fund 226 new tribal grants because of lack of funding, D) The need exists to fund these students immediately to ensure that they are enrolled and begin their higher education in the fall semester 1988. ***Section 102.*** The National Council grants supplemental appropriation from the Bingo Revenue funds of $300,000 to the Higher Education Department for funding new student applications to the following areas: Supplement BIA funds....$230,000; Supplement tribal funds....$65,000; Supplement Vo-Tech funds...$5,000.***Section 103.*** These funds are to be made available to the Department of Higher Education within three days of the enactment of this ordinance.

The bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Johnson Buck and seconded by Larry Bible to approve the Bill 8-J as read.

Upon a motion haivng been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: 16 in Favor, none Against and no abstensions.

Motion did carry. Bill 8-J was approved as read and shall be recorded as such.

Other Business

Alexander Thomas reported that he had a bill in which he wanted to have placed on the Agenda at this time, however, the Bill was not available for reading.He further reported that he was originally requesting $20,000 for an increase in their smokeshop operations in the amount of $17,000 and $3,000 was being requested for the construction of a storage building for the Koweta Community. He stated that at this time he was requesting $17,000 and that he would come back for an itemized bid for the construction of the storage building.

The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Johnson Buck and seconded by Clyde Johnson to approve the appropriation of $17,000 to the Koweta Community. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being 16 in Favor, none Against, no Abstensions.

8-K A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation to Authorize the Sending and Receiving of Satellite Bingo Transmission Services.

The Bill was read as follows:***Section 102.***The Muscogee (Creek) Nation, in order to create avenues for economic growth and to utilize technologies for the economic advancement of the Nation, hereby establishes this the Satellite Bingo Ordinance. ***Section 103.*** Definition. Satellite Bingo is the activity wherein bingo games are electronically transmitted by the utilization of a live or pre-recorded pictures or data from predesignated satellites owned, leased or through use of agreement to authorized sending units, places or areas. ***Section 104.*** It is hereby determined that in the best interest of the Muscogee Nation, licensing and regulation should be established to preserve and protect the interests of the Nation. ***Section 105.*** A new class of licensing for satellite Bingo titled "Class S" shall be established and may be issued by the Commissioner of Public Gaming at an annual rate of $1,200 for the revocable privilege of transmitting satellite bingo games in a specific location within the reservation. Upon enactment, this "Class S" license classification shall become effective immediately. ***Section 106.*** "Class S" licensees shall and must abide by the rules and regulations, as set in NCA 84-04, as amended. ***Section 107.*** Approval of leases or contracts for satellite bingo enterprises between the Muscogee Nation and any third party will be facilitated through ordinance.

The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion.

A motion was made by Thomas Berryhill and seconded by Jerry Wilson to approve the Bill as read.

Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being 14 in Favor, two Against and one Abstension./ Those opposed were Johnson and Robert Buck. Little abstained.

Motion carried. The bill was approved as read and shall be recorded as such.

8-L A Resolution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Affirming the Findings of the Indian Self-Determination Act, codified 25 USCA Section 450, and Requesting the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the United States Department of the Interior and the Secretary of the Interior to Proceed No Further in Muscogee (Creek) Nation Vs. Hodel, No 87-5377, in the United States Courts of Appeals for the District of Columbia. The Bill was read and considered as follows: ***Section 101. Findings and Policy.*** A. The United States Government is correct in 25 USCA, Section 450, when it states Section 450 (a) (2), "The Indian people will never surrender their desire to control their relationships both among themselves and with non-Indian government, organizations and ." Crucial to this control and to self-government itself is the ability to interpret and enforce law. Nowhere, has there been a people more dedicated to self-government, to what Abraham Lincoln called..."The proposition that government of the people, by the people, for the people, should not perish from the face of the earth," than Creek people. B. This Creek dedication having persisted through occupation, adversity, repression, and oppression has won through in the Hodel case, cited herein, in which the judgement in the United States court of Appeals for the District of Columbia holds that the Tribe has the power to establish courts with civil and criminal jurisdiction. The Secretary of the Interior, Donald Hodel, has forty-five days therefrom to petition the United States Supreme Court for a writ of certiorari, to reverse the decision. C. The United States, through the Secretary of the Interior has an opportunity now to secure to an Indian Tribe, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, the blessings of freedom, self-government, civil and political liberty which it attempts to secure for independent foreign sovereigns world wide. Furthermore, the opportunity available to the United States in the matter of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tribal Courts will not require an affirmative act, but requires only that the United States refrain from requesting a rehearing or a writ of certiorari. ***Section 102. Resolved,*** therefore, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, asks the United States, by or through any of its offices, officers, departments, agents, agencies, or employees, refrain from requesting a rehearing from the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia and from requesting a writ of certiorari from the United States Supreme Court in Muscogee (Creek) Nation vs. Hodel, No. 87-5377 in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, decided July 15, 1988. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Alexander Thomas and seconded by Johnson Buck to approve the Resolution. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: seventeen in favor, none against, no abstensions. Motion carried. The Bill 8-L (A Resolution) was approved as read and shall be recorded as such.***Adjournment.***

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THOMAS MITCHELL, CREEK NATION MANAGER OF FINANCE, *and Principal Chief Claude Cox, display the Certificate of Achievement for Financial Reporting awarded to the tribe by the Government Finance Officers Association. This is the seventh time the Muscogee (Creek) Nation has received the award.* *-photo by Jim Wolfe*

Creek Nation is Awarded the Highest Honor in Financial Reporting for the Seventh Time

Creek Nation has again, for the seventh time, been awarded the highest financial reporting honor that can be awarded in government accounting, according to Principal Chief Cox.

The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Finanical Reporting has been awarded to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR).

The Certificate is the higest form of recognition in the area of government accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment.

When a Certificate of Achievement is awarded to a government, an Award of Financial Reporting Achievement also is given to the individual designated as primarily responsible for its having earned the certificate. This Award of Financial Reporting Achievement has been Reporting Achievement was presented to David Bryant, Director of Finance. Bryant praised the efforts of his staff for their dedication to the job which resulted in the award for Creek Nation- "No other government in Oklahoma, be it another tribe, city, county or school district has achieved the record that the Creek Nation has achieved in it's financial reporting," said Bryant.

The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" effort to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential persons and user groups to read the CAFR.

The GFOA is a non-profit professional association serving 11,500 government finance professionals. The association produces a variety of technical publications in various fields of government finance, and represents the public finance community in Washington, D.C.

Okmulgee County Road Dedicated in Memory of Celia Berryhill

CELIA BERRYHILL
ROAD

AMONG THOSE PRESENT FOR THE CELIA BERRYHILL ROAD DEDICATION *and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony were from left to right: Jerry Baker, pastor Newtown Methodist Church; Principal Chief Claude Cox; Lilly Cox; Okmulgee County Commissioner Tom Duncan; Lilly Washington; Geri Berryhill; Hepsy Berryhill; Juanita Checotah; Roosevelt Derrisaw and Cora Derrisaw.*

-story and photos by Jim Wolfe

Dedication services for the Celia Berryhill Road were held October 22. Family, friends and officials gathered beside the new road signs bearing Berryhill's name to pay tribute to the longtime Okmulgee County resident and allottee.

A move to have county road East West 92 between North South roads 394 and 395 named for Berryhill began in July. Relatives friends and members of the Newtown Methodist Church where Berryhill worshipped, organized and presented petitions and letters of support to Okmulgee County Commissioner Tom Duncan to have the road named for Berryhill.

Berryhill, who died in October 1987, had lived near the county road for 83 years. A Mother's Day tribute and feature about Berryhill appeared in the May 1988 issue of **MNN.**

Duncan, along with county commissioners C.D. Kissee of Beggs and Margie Coleman of Heryetta, approved the request at the July 18 meeting of the Okmulgee County Commissioners. From there, the proposal was sent to the Oklahoma State Department of Transportation. The transportation department approved the request and placed the Berryhill Road signs on both sides of U.S. Highway 75 where the road intersects with the highway north of Okmulgee.

Roosevelt Derrisaw, a member of the Newtown Methodist Church, Duncan and Muscogee (Creek) Nation Principal Chief Claude Cox spoke at the dedication ceremonies which were held one year from the day Berryhill died.

"The family expresses their thanks to everyone involved who helped getting the road named," said Geri Berryhill, granddaughter of Celia. "I also wish to thank everyone that showed at the ceremony."

Following the service, a reception was held at the home of Geri Berryhill for those who attended the ceremony to fellowship.

Muscogee VEV Chapter, Seminole Nation to host Vet Pow-Wow and Dance

The Muscogee Nation Chapter of the Vietnam Era Veterans Inter-tribal Association and the Seminole Nation will sponsor a Veteran's Dance and Pow-Wow at the Expo Center in Shawnee on November 12. The event will honor World War II Indian Codetalkers and a special recognition ceremony will be held for Marcy Skeeter, Tulsa, the Muscogee Nation Chapter of the Vietnam Era Veterans Princess. Marcy is the daughter of Ramona and Archie Mason of Tulsa and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Skeeter of Tulsa.

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Dear MNN Readers,

Since I have recently resigned from employment with the Creek Nation, I would like to thank all of you for the support and cooperation you have shown over the past ten years that I have been editor of our tribal newspaper. I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to have served in that position.

Regards,
Helen Chalakee

Weogufkee Hosts Rally

Weogufkee Baptist Church will host its annual Thanksgiving service and dinner along with the District Four Associational Rally on Sunday, November 20. The regular order of worship for Fourth Sunday will be followed. The Associational Rally, with five other churches participating will begin at 6:30 p.m. The Rev. Coleman Byrd is pastor of Weogufkee.

Note to Our Readers:

The Muscogee Nation News will be undergoing some format changes in the future, such as larger print for easy readability, and we just wanted to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to you for your patience as we make these changes. Our priority, as it has always been, is in providing and disseminating information to our readers in a timely manner.

The deadline for the MNN in submitting articles, photos, announcements, etc. is now *the third Friday of each month.* The deadline for the December issue will be ***November 18.***

We are also in the time-consuming process of updating our mailing list and wish to ask you to have patience if you have not received your paper yet-but we are working toward a but we are making progress toward a more efficient system.

Chartered Creek communities-you are encouraged to send in your community news to Muscogee Nation News, PO Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447.

Thank you,
MNN Staff

Letter to the Editor...

Editor:

The Creek Nation recently received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the seventh year. Credit for this award goes to staffs of the Office of the Treasury and Fiscal Management Services, as well as all others who have helped, for their hard work and dedicated service to the Creek Nation, making the Creek Nation a leader in financial reporting. No other government in Oklahoma, be it another tribe, city, county or school district has achieved the record the Creek Nation has achieved.

The Creek Nation is a recognized leader in financial reporting. Obtaining this award demonstrates what can be accomplished by our fine employees as well as the unlimited potential of the Creek Nation and what may yet be accomplished through continued cooperation and working together to reach common goals for the benefit of the Creek Nation and its people.

I would also like to thank the Principal Chief for his interest and support in planning and conducting the financial operations of the Creek Nation in a responsible and progressive manner.

David Bryant,
Director of Finance, Creek Nation

Indian Arts Exhibit to include Creek artists

An Indian Artists Exhibit, which includes two Creek Nation employees, Janice Tiger and Joe Washington, along with Indian artists, Kelly Haney, Wendell Coon, Lee Joshua, Katie Bear and Rock Bear, will be held November 11-20 at the Okfuskee County Historical Museum. The exhibit features Paintings, Beadwork and Ribbonwork and will be open from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., including Saturday and Sunday. The Museum is location at 407 West Broadway in Okemah. There is no admission charge and raffle tickets will be sold for $1.

—NOTICE—

CN Funeral Assistance Guidelines Posted-

The eligibility requirements for tribal funeral assistance are: A. enrolled Muscogee (Creek) Indians who can verify their citizenship by a certified tribal enrollment card; B. a maximum grant of up to $1,000 shall be remitted to the funeral home performing Creek and deceased non-enrolled Creeks under one year of age who otherwise would be eligible to enroll, when proof of death is verified in writing, verbally with/or by funeral home, or in public obituary that the person is deceased; C. the grant shall be sent to funeral home that provides the services; D. a statement from the funeral home must contain the signature of the funeral home director; E. in the event the applicant does not have a death verification, the staff/personnel administering the program shall make every effort possible to contact the funeral home for confirmation of this death and that the services are being performed by their funeral home.

Bunny Hill, Social Services Manager stressed that whether you are applying for funeral assistance through the tribe (Creek citizens only) or through the BIA (Indian), you must have your citizenship (pink) card.

Letter to tribal leaders from Republican Candidate Bush-

NOTE: *Democratic Presidential Candidate Michael Dukakis issued a policy statement on Native American issues, which was printed in the MNN- June 1988 issue. Below is George Bush's stance on Indian issues:*

Dear Indian Leader:

I write to reaffirm my personal commitment to Native Americans. I hope, as President of the United States of America, to work with you and other tribal leaders in the future to provide the necessary tools to fuel success among all Native Americans.

It is important to me that you know my basic beliefs. First of all, I believe strongly in the continuance of the legacy of President Abraham Lincoln, who fully recognized the importance of Indian sovereignty in a nation of sovereign states.

The Republican Party's position most recently stated in the 1988 Party Platform is as follows: "We support self-determination for Indian Tribes in managing their own affairs and resources. Recognizing the government-to-government trust responsibility, we will work to end dependency fostered by federal controls." For these reasons, a Bush administration will respect and honor all treaties, laws and court decisions which support American Indian self-government.

I also believe in the importance of consultation with tribal leaders. Any Native American policy and program decisions will be made in concert with the ideas and input of the people they affect -- Native Americans.

Among my priorities as President will be improving the quality of Indian education. One of the best ways to strengthen self-determination is through education. Financial resources should be directed to create an effective , quality school system controlled at the local level.

In order to strengthen reservation economies, my administration will work with tribal governments to establish a positive business climate and will encourage a partnership between tribal governments and the private sector.

I ask for your support in this election, and pledge my commitment to a Bush-Quayle Administration effort that will help you where you need it most -- producing a strong economy which fosters improved quality of life for all Native Americans.

Sincerely,
George Bush

NOTE ON ENROLLMENT:

1. You must provide evidence of Creek blood by: a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), verified by Okmulgee issuing agency, unbroken chain of birth certificates, court approved heirship or a combination of the above.

2. Make application for enrolment which includes ancestry information with the CN Citizenship Board, located at the Creek Nation Complex, telephone 918-756-8700, ext. 224 or write Citizenship Board at PO Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447.

Becoming enrolled does not automatically qualify you to vote in the tribal elections. To be eligible to vote, you must register with the Creek Nation Election Board and receive a Voter Registration Card.

Creek Nation Represented at State Tourism Conference-

PRINCIPAL CHIEF CLAUDE COX AND GOVERNOR BILL ANOATUBBY, OF THE CHICKASAW NATION *discuss their tribal tourism reports to be presented to the 17th Annual Oklahoma Travel Industry Conference held October 31- November 1 in Oklahoma City. Both tribal leaders were asked to be special guest speakers at the Conference.*

Article and photo by Gary Robison

Creek Principal Chief Claude Cox represented the Tribe at the October 31 Seventeenth Annual Oklahoma Travel Industry Conference held in Oklahoma City at the Myriad Center.

Chief Cox and Governor Bill Anoatubby of Chickasaw Nation both made presentations before the tourism group to make them aware of their tribal government's current tourism impact.

Creek Nation's tourism impact was presented through it's Bingo operations. It was also announced by the Chief at the meeting, that plans are being discussed for an outdoor theme park to be operated by the Tribe.

In conjunction with the Chief's presentation, a 10-minute videotape "Oklahoma Indians and the Travel Industry: A Report on Creek Nation's Tourism Impact," was produced by the Creek Nation Communications Department and shown to the tourism group.

Several conference participants said they were impressed with the tribes accomplishments in economic development.

A recent study, commissioned by the State's tourism department, revealed that Oklahoma's strongest tourism potential lay in it's Western Heritage and it's diversity of Native American cultures.

Creek Nation hopes to capitalize on these findings for the financial benefit of the Tribe, which will also benefit the State's general economy.

In his remarks, Chief Cox stressed the need for a unified effort between Oklahoma Indian Tribes, State Tourism officials and members of the travel industry. "What's good for Oklahoma Indians is good for everyone in the state," remarked Chief Cox.

The Travel Conference was sponsored by the Oklahoma Tourism Industry Association with cooperation from the Oklahoma Department of Tourism and Recreation. Other guest speakers, besides the Chief and Chickasaw Governor, were Lt. Gov. Bob Kerr III, Oklahoma City Mayor Ronald Norick and other travel industry leaders nationwide.

New Gaming Law Allows Bingo Halls to Advertise—

By Jim Wolfe

While many Indian officials are not pleased with the creation of the National Indian Gaming Commission, signed into law by U.S. President Ronald Reagan, certain provisions of the law may prove advantageous for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

Though Senate Bill 555 intrudes on the sovereign right of tribes to regulate their own gaming activities and will force gaming tribes to help pay for the Commission, the new law will allow for greater freedom to advertise and promote gaming activities.

Before the new law, tribes could not mail advertising through the U.S. Postal Service or announce the amounts of prizes.

Creek Nation Tulsa Bingo uses the Stephenson Advertising Agency to promote the tribe's gaming in Tulsa for the past three years.

Terry Cooper of the Stephenson Agency, says the new law will help "generate a pretty good business" in the short term and predicts that the cost of television advertising is going to become "standard in budget making."

"Gaming operators are going to take advantage of advertising," says Cooper. "Before the change, operators promoted the games with one hand tied behind his back and one foot on an orange crate."

Cooper says the new law has people across the country "pretty excited". Television stations are eager to welcome the gaming tribes' advertising dollars. The affect of advertising the prizes should generate more players which will generate more bingo revenues to the Creek Nation. Now operators can tell the public what it needs to hear about prizes that can be won at bingo halls.

The Creek Nation Tulsa Bingo had new ads on KTUL-TV in Tulsa within three days after the President signed the bill into law. Cooper said plans are to place commercials with network affiliate stations KJRH and KOTV in Tulsa as well as independent station KOKI. "Basically, we're on every radio station in Tulsa," he added.

"The biggest problem," warned Cooper, "is that Indian Gaming operators are going to have to understand they are entering a new area and that some media will taking advantage of some gaming operators."

Cooper added that some advertising agencies will not be familiar with gaming laws and activities.

In addition to the Creek Nation Tulsa Bingo advertising, the Stephenson Agency also promotes the Seneca-Cuyaga bingo operation in Grove.

Advertising the prizes should generate greater interest among those not familiar with the Creek Nation Tulsa Bingo. Cooper claims that everyone can expect to see an increased return on the tribe's investment. That return will go a long way to funding Creek Nation service programs and provide greater resources for tribal economic development.

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Fife Wins Special Election to Complete Carney Roberts Term-

Bill Fife has been elected to complete the term of former National Council Representative Carney Roberts. Fife, of Weleetka, defeated political newcomer Margaret Mauldin of Okemah, by 29 votes, 189-160 to fill the Okfuskee District Seat B on the Muscogee Nation's legislative body.

Fife's margin of victory was provided by his strong showing in the Weleetka precinct where voters cast 64 Fife ballots to only nine for Mauldin. Mauldin won her home precinct, Okemah, by a dozen votes, 67-55. She also had 38 more absentee ballots than Fife, picking up 96. The totals were no enough to overcome the Weleetka precinct difference.

Fife, a former tribal employee, most recently ran for Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation in October 1987 but was defeated in a contested race by incumbent Claude Cox. Fife was to have been sworn in at the November 5 continued meeting of the National Council in Okmulgee.

Muscogee(Creek) Nation District Court Records

The following cases were taken from the office of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court Clerk. Decisions on the cases are expected in November from District Judge Patrick Moore.

Tribal Docket

Civil Cases

October 10 - **CV 88-04** Claude Cox, Principal Chief vs. Muscogee National Council, Speaker Kenneth Childers and members, petition writ of mandamus; case to decide legal legislative procedure

October 26 - **CV 88-08,** Okfuskee District Representative Bill Burden, National Council vs. Principal Chief Claude Cox, petition writ of mandamus; case to decide what constitutes full membership of National Council and veto override requirements

Juvenile

October 17 - Seven cases from the Juvenile Docket were heard in court

Holiday Office Closings

Muscogee (Creek) Nation tribal offices and Elderly Nutrition Centers will be closed Friday, November 11 to observe Veterans Day. Regular office hours will resume Monday, November 14. Creek Nation offices will also be closed Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25 for the Thanksgiving holidays. Regular office hours will resume Monday, November 28.

CN Legislative Overview

By Jim Wolfe

The Muscogee (Creek) National Council voted to override six separate vetoes by significant margins during the October 29 session at the tribal complex in Okmulgee.

With a unity not seen in recent weeks, the Council enacted ordinances NCA 88-66, NCA 88-59, NCA 88-55, NCA 88-61 and NCA 88-72.

88-66 authorized a portion of the money due the tribe from the Eufaula Community Bingo be recognized as a portion of the start-up costs. The community was granted $35,000 to begin its bingo operations. The actual start-up costs ran more than $43,000. The bill allows that $8,000 Principal Chief Claude Cox vetoed the bill because "no determination of start-up costs should be declared prior to an audit". McIntosh District Representative Frank Kamp noted at the Saturday session that an audit from the Gaming Commission staff had already assessed the more than $8,000 as start up costs.

88-59 authorized the National Council to retain an attorney. Chief Cox vetoed the measure stating that the National Council did not have any "mechanism...to retain and pay for an attorney". The Chief claimed that contracting for services is exclusively an executive branch function. Chief Cox also suggested that an additional attorney be hired through the Office of Justice. At this writing there is no attorney in the office of Justice. $25,000 is appropriated from Bingo Revenues Account to hire an attorney.

NCA 88-61 was an amendment to an earlier bill that appropriated funds for an economic enterprise in the Checotah Indian Community. The community will soon open a bingo operation. The amendment called for the Checotah Community to split its bingo profits and concession profits in half with the tribe. The Chief vetoed the amendment because "standardized contracts" with the tribe call for a 60-40 percent split with the tribe getting the larger portion. The Chief also objected the bill believing that a November 1 deadline for purchases was not enough time for the Checotah Community to begin the bingo and concession operations.

The Koweta Indian Community will receive a $20,000 grant to increase the inventory of its smokeshop and to build a storage building. The bill was vetoed the first time because of a typographical error. The corrected bill was vetoed by the Chief. Chief Cox believed the Koweta Community should have enough income from current operations to cover the costs. The bill calls for the $17,000 to purchase inventory and $5,508.88 to construct a new storage facility.

The Muscogee Nation Audit Law will become a tribal ordinance after the Council voted to override a veto of the bill. Chief Cox objected to the bill because federal audit requirements "are comprehensive making NCA 88-72 unnecessary. The Audit Law will require auditors to have approval of the National Council before performing annual audits.

The Council also approved two resolutions at the meeting. One resolution, sponsored by George Almerigi, commended Kathryn Bell and Gary Robinson, both of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Communications staff, for their development of video public service announcements in conjunction with a national Youth 2000 campaign aimed at Native American youth that encourage lifestyle free of drugs.

A resolution introduced by Kamp, calls for the National Council not to consider any bills that deal with personnel, budgets or salaries until "the Principal Chief is in compliance" with NCA 88-22. That bill calls for the Chief to submit a personnel policy to the National Council for approval. The Council adopted this ordinance at its April 30 session. The resolution differs from a bill in that it will not be entered into the tribal code of laws.

In legislative action, the Council approved a bill introduced by Okmulgee District Representative Thomas Berryhill that provides honorariums for six ceremonial grounds that participated in the 1988 Council Oak Ceremony. The bill provides $500 to Nuyaka, Arbeka, Tallahassee, Peach Ground, Duck Creek and Kellyville. The money will be used for expenses and general purposes.

A new Hospital and Clinic Board Act will be sent to the Executive Office for consideration. The changes in the new act add the clinic administrators to the board of directors of the tribe's hospitals and clinics. A provision that provides for due process before removal from the Board of Directors was included. Kamp commented that he hoped "to have a board filled soon."

A bill that approves $81,467 of tribal program funds to be used for the food distribution program was approved by the Council.

Tribal citizens will be able to harvest pecans and cut wood in designated areas if a bill introduced by McIntosh District Representative Thomas Newton is approved by the Principal Chief. The bill will allow tribal citizens to harvest pecans and cut wood on the tribal property where the Hanna Agriculture Project is located. Thomas McIntosh, Agribusiness manager, will designate what areas will be open to citizens.

The Glenpool Indian Community should soon have a building if an ordinance approved by the National Council is approved by the Principal Chief. The bill, sponsored by Tulsa District Representative Larry Bible, will authorize Chief Cox to negotiate the purchase of an existing building near the corner of 141st Street and U.S. Highway 75.

Pauline Haney is chairperson of the Glenpool Comunity, Other officers include Irene Van Buskirk, vice-chairperson, Wanda Brese, secretary-treasurer and David Gambler, sergaent-at-arms. The Glenpool Community has been renting office space in the Gould Professional Center.

A bill granting $38,000 of bingo revenues to the Oklahoma City Muscogee (Creek) Association to provide services to urban Creeks was approved by the Council. The OCMA has been a Creek Nation chartered community since 1985. The community services Indians living in the metropolitan Oklahoma City area.

The OCMA serves enrolled citizens in Oklahoma, Logan Pottowatomie, Cleveland and Canadian counties. Jackson Barnett is the OCMA chairman and Mae Jackson is programs coordinator.

Legislation introduced by Jerry Wilson, Tulsa District Representative, will provide a $50,000 grant to the chartered community for programs and services for urban Creeks living in Tulsa. According to a proposal submitted by community leaders, Tulsa's 5,000 plus Creek citizens is the largest concentration of citizens in the Creek Nation boundaries.

In June 1988 the Tulsa Community received a $10,000 grant from the tribe to initiate programs. Board of Directors for the Tulsa Community are Andrew Skeeter, chairperson, Allen Harcrow, vice chairperson, Kathleen Butler, secretary, Norma Posey, treasurer and Perry Beaver, sergeant-at-arms.

An ordinance providing authorization for programming of Bingo Revenues and submission of a proposal to obtain a grant to implement a project to organize and establish Indian Youth Councils throughout the Creek Nation was amended twice before receiving Council approval.

The proposed Youth Councils would be funded by a $150,000 grant from the federal government and $75,000 from Bingo Revenues.

One amendment made the money given to the program from tribal funds contingent upon the receipt of the $150,000 grant.

The other amendment requires future legislation before granting charters to the Youth Councils.

Action on three items were postponed until the November 5 continued session.

A tribal assistance bill that requires more detailed work will be discussed Nov. 5.

A bill introduced by McIntosh District Representative Sandy McIntosh will establish a facility use agreement between the Creek Nation and the Eufaula Indian Comunity. The U.S. Government holds the trust to the land where the Old Eufaula Dormitory Site to be used by the community will also be discussed Nov. 5.

The Administrative Procedures Act, which will establish a tribal open meeting law, will be considered Nov. 5.

Also, Bill Fife elected recently to complete the term of resigned National Council representative Carney Roberts, Okfuskee District. Fife won an October 29 special election against Margaret Mauldin of Okemah.

job OPPORTUNITIES

The Native American Rights Fund (NARF) has a job opening for a Grant Writer/Editor in the Boulder office. NARF is a nonprofit national Indian legal organization providing direct representation in Indian law cases throughout the country. The individual selected must have good writing and creative communication skills. Experience with Indian people and issues is preferred. The position will involve developing NARF's funding proposals and grant reports under the supervision of the Executive Director. The Grant Writer/Editor also serves as editor of NARF's quarterly newsletter and prepares NARF's Annual report. College degree or related social science field or three years experience in the communication field. Submit application letter, resume (including three references) and writing samples to: John Echohawk, executive director, Native American Rights Fund, 1506 Broadway, Boulder, Colorado 80302.

The closing date is November 30 and starting date is April 1, 1989.

MUSKOGEE DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE HELEN CHUPCO, *seated, Vickie Carpenter, director of the Community Services Division on the left, and Dean Tiger, CN Youth Council Specialist, review the tribe's Indian Youth Council grant proposal.* *-photo by Jim Wolfe*

A REPORT ON THE CREEK NATION YOUTH COUNCIL

By Dean Tiger, Creek Nation Youth Council Specialist

This month long hours have been spent by staff on the proposal for our Creek Nation Youth Council which was submitted to the Council.

The bill and a draft proposal was submitted before the National Council to obtain funds from the Creek Nation Bingo revenue fund. This was voted on Saturday, October 29 at the regular session National Council meeting and passed 17 for and two against.

This action taken by the National Council allows the Youth Council Specialist and the Managers of Community Services to actively pursue the finalization of the Creek Nation Youth Council proposal.

The response of those people who have heard of our plans for a youth council, have been of excitement and eagerness to see the Youth Council implemented. Many have said this program has been a long time in coming and is critical to our Creek youth today.

A letter of support from the office of Chief Cox to the chartered communities has been sent out and will notify them of our plans for the program.

We wish to express special thanks to Creek Councilwoman Helen Chupco, Councilmember Tom Berryhill and Councilmember Bill Burden for their strong support on behalf of a program for Creek youth.

YOUTH 2000 PSA's Communicate Traditional Indian Values to Youth-

As part of the "Youth 2000" American Indian and Alaskan Native national campaign, five television and radio public service announcements (PSA's) have been created and are being distributed nationally to radio and television stations in communities with high Indian populations.

Accompanying the audio and videotapes sent to broadcasters are publicity packets which contain brochures, scripts and posters supporting the PSA theme.

The PSA's and the national distribution plan were created by Gary Robinson and Kathryn Bell, employees of the Creek Nation Communications Department. They also feature Stephanie Berryhill, local Creek college student, among the Indian youth depicted in the PSA's.

These PSA's are designed to communicate traditional Indian values to American Indian and Alaska Native youth living in today's turbulent society. They focus on the Eagle- a longstanding Native American symbol of courage, vision and spirituality.

Each of the five spots, "Vision Quest," "The Eagle," "Pow-Wow Dancer," "Suicide Alley," and "Rite of Passage" ends with the message, "Be like the Eagle- It's the Indian Way."

The announcements have been commended by radio and TV broadcasters, Indian educators, federal Health and Human Services personnel, and Indian Health officials.

Endorsing the message of the PSA's, William Lynn Engles, Commissioner of the Administration for Native Americans, recently stated, "The PSA's deliver the message that Indian values are as important and applicable today as they ever were. The messages, linking the Indian elder and Native American young people, make this important connection... the message of the "Indian Way" is timeless and critical to our youth today."

"The Mighty Eagle," the PSA theme song, written and recorded by Robinson, has been adopted as the official Youth 2000 theme song.

The PSA's and theme song have also been incorporated into a longer Youth 2000 video called, "Be Like the Eagle," which is narrated by Dr. Everett Rhoades, Director of the Indian Health Services. He cites the many problems facing Indian youth, explains the goals of the Youth 2000 campaign and introduces the PSA's.

Appearing in the PSA's are Saginaw Grant, a Sac and Fox Indian actor from Cushing, Oklahoma, who is featured in the role of the Indian elder. The Indian youth featured in the "Rite of Passage," are; Christopher Bell, Cheyenne, a Freshman at the University of Oklahoma from Beggs; Andy Johnson, Cherokee, a student in Tulsa; Kendall Lenaburg, Cherokee-Creek, a student at Catoosa, and Clayton Glass, Cherokee-Creek, a student in Tulsa, Jeff Stillsmoking, Sioux and a University of Oklahoma student from McLoud, is in the "Pow-wow Dancer". "Suicide Alley" features Ms. Berryhill, Henryetta. "I feel that the Youth 2000 message is a positive one and can help my Native American peers. Today's Indian youth have done well in competing academically and athletically in a predominantly white society, yet we struggle to maintain our traditional heritage and this causes us many problems and confusion in a conflict of self-identity. The only way to prevent these problems are through education and awareness of these negative and high risk situations- and Youth 2000 will be instrumental in this process."

Stephanie is a Junior at Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, majoring in Journalism. She is the daughter of Mike and Julie Berryhill of Henryetta and Joann Skaggs of Oklahoma City.

Portions of the PSA video segments were taped at several different locations in Oklahoma, and at the studios of KXON-TV at Rogers State College, where the final editing was completed.

For more information about the YOUTH 2000 project, videotapes, poster and theme song recording, contact Robinson or Bell at the CN Communications Department, PO Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447 or call 918-756-8700 ext. 310 or 326.

Funding for the production and distribution of the PSA's was provided by the Department of Health and Human Services in Washington, D.C. with in-kind contributions from Pathfinder Communications, KXON-TV and others.

THE NATIONAL YOUTH 2000 PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS *feature, left to right, Christopher Bell, Cheyenne; Kendell Lenaburg, Cherokee-Creek; Stephanie Berryhill, Creek from Henryetta, and Clayton Glass, Cherokee-Creek. Andy "Champ" Johnson was not able to be photographed at the time this was taken. In the back row are Saginaw Grant, Sac and Fox, the "Indian Elder", and Jeff Stillsmoking, Sioux.* *-photo by Gary Robinson*

Creek Miccos Light 'Eternal Flame' at Historic Council Oak Tree

-article and photos by Jim Wolfe

Beneath a gray sky, the spiritual, cultural and political elements that are the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, met with Tulsa city officials in a spirit of goodwill and celebration at the historic Council Oak Tree of the Locapoka tribal town.

The ceremony commemorated the spreading of the ashes from the sacred fires in Alabama beneath the Council Oak and other places in Indian Territory by the Creeks upon their arrival in the West 152 years ago.

The invocation was given by layman Phillip Coon from Little Cussetah. Master of ceremonies for the event was Kenneth Childers, Speaker of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council.

In his opening address, Childers noted that the October 30 Council Oak Ceremony was the first time elected tribal officials, miccos, medicine men had met together with another government on one occasion.

Roger Randle, mayor of the city of Tulsa, introduced members of the Tulsa City Commission and read a proclamation from the city that made October 30 Creek Indian Council Oak Day. Randle noted the historical significance Creeks had in the development of Tulsa as a major metropolitan area. Randle pledged that the city of Tulsa would deal with the Creek Nation on a "government-to-government basis".

Creek citizen Robert Trepp, presented a proclamation from Oklahoma Governor Henry Bellmon that made October 30 Creek Indian Council Oak Day in the state of Oklahoma. Trepp also delivered a historical perspective of the Creek Confederacy before the removal and of the establishment of the Locapoka tribal town and the Council Oak. Wagoner—Mays District Representative Alexander Thomas also spoke to the audience.

Okmulgee District Representative Thomas Berryhill discussed the ceremonial fires and its importance in Creek beliefs and traditions while Russell Thompson of Arbeka, lit the symbolic ceremonial fire under the Council Oak Tree.

Students from the Okmulgee Public Schools Title IV program dressed in traditional clothing and sang a hymn for those gathered at the ceremony.

Creek Nation Second Chief Perry Beaver presented an eagle feather to Tulsa mayor Randle on behalf of the present administration. Principal Chief Claude Cox and former Chief Dode McIntosh were scheduled to be on the program but were unable to participate. McIntosh did make an appearance earlier in the afternoon.

McIntosh District Representative and Second Speaker of the National Council Frank Kamp announced that Jamie Spurlock and Kenneth Bailey were awarded the Sam Jones Scholarships. Spurlock is an elementary education major at Northeastern State University while Bailey is majoring in mechanical aerospace engineering at Oklahoma State University.

After the program, the attention shifted to Boulder Park, located on the Locapoka Ceremonial Ground for a stickball game and stomp dance.

***Children from Okmulgee Middle School** Title IV program sing the hymn "Oketv Cvmpesa" at the Council Oak Ceremony held in Tulsa. Pictured singing beneath the Council Oak are Michael Whitlow, Tony Hale, Tessie Jimboy, Angela Bunner, Jennifer Taryole, Valerie Taryole and Mary Legrand.*

***Lighting the symbolic ceremonial fire** at the Council Oak Ceremony in Tulsa was Russell Thompson of Arbeka, in white jacket on the left.*

***Perry Beaver, Second Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation,** presents an eagle feather to Roger Randle, mayor of Tulsa. The symbol of power and authority, the feather is bestowed to someone who has accomplished much for the people.*

***Kenneth Childers, Speaker of the Muscogee National Council,** visits with Tulsa mayor RoGer Randle at the Council Oak Stomp Dance held at the traditional Locapoka Ceremonial Ground now known as Boulder Park.*

Creek Nation Bingo Plans Fourth Anniversary Celebration With the New Megabingo Game

INTERIOR OF THE TULSA CREEK NATION BINGO HALL *depicts the popularity of the game on any given night. The Bingo Hall, located on 15-acres of tribally owned land on the banks of the Arkansas River in South Tulsa- one quarter mile west of Oral Roberts University on 81st Street, has 27,000 square feet and a seating capacity for 1,200 players. It formally opened November 17, 1984.* *-photo by Gary Robinson*

The biggest prize schedule in Creek Nation's Tulsa Bingo history is happening Saturday, Nov. 19 beginning at 7:15 p.m. On that Saturday, a $150 admission entitles you to play for over $200,000 in cash and prizes for the Fourth Anniversary celebration at Creek Nation Tulsa Bingo located at 81st and Riverside in Tulsa.

For an extra $5, you can play for $500,000 on the new "Megabingo" game. This means that on Nov. 19 one can play for more than $700,000 in cash and prizes.

All regular games at the Fourth Anniversary Celebration will be played for $5,000 each. The early bird and late game will be played for $10,000 each. The special bonanza game will be played for a minimum of $5,000 or $2,000 must go. The do-it-yourself game will be played for a minimum of $20,000 or $5,000 must go. Also included in this Fourth Anniversary are: four free plays for one year; 10 free plays for a month; 10 $150 money back drawings; a free speedball game at 6:00 p.m. where $500 must go and the grand door prize is a 1989 Ford Mustang.

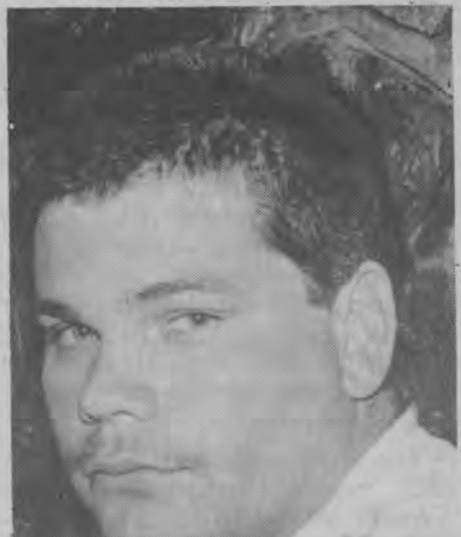
Creek Nation Bingo is pleased to announce the premiere of "Megabingo" on Friday, Nov. 18. Megabingo will be played nightly and a blackout in 50 numbers or less will be worth $500,000. After 50 numbers, a blackout consolation of $10,000 will be awarded. A special prize will also be awarded to the first B-Row winner in every hall. Megabingo will be played in halls across the United States with the point of broadcast originating from Creek Nation Tulsa Bingo. The cost to play Megabingo is $5 per sheet in addition to the regular admission price.

Megabingo will be played every night, Monday through Saturday at 7:00 p.m. Megabingo is the most recent and biggest extra game to be played at Creek Nation Tulsa Bingo. The game is played in association with Gamma International Ltd and is to be transmitted to participating operations throughout the U.S.

Creek Athlete wins Silver at Para-Olympics

By Jim Wolfe

Kim Brownfield bench pressed 551 pounds for a silver medal at the Para-Olympics held in Seoul, South Korea in October. The Para-Olympics is world class competition for athletes with some type of disability yet are still able to compete.



Brownfield, a Dewar native, competed in the heavyweight division. Normally, he competes in the mid-heavyweight division. At Korea, Brownfield chose to Had Brownfield competed in the smaller division, his bench press would have been good for a gold medal and a world record.

But Brownfield will be the subject of CBS Network television documentary on the Para-Olympics.

Brownfield was disabled by a reaction to a polio vaccination as a child. Though he walks with a crutch, Brownfield has been a world class lifter for years. He has been weightlifting for six and a half years and has acted as a strength coach for the successful Dewar High School football and weightlifting teams.

To prepare for competition, Brownfield trains five days a week. His moment in the world spotlight has sharpened Brownfield's desire to continue competing in world class events.

"It was exciting to be in Korea," said Brownfield. "102,000 people showed for the opening ceremonies. That's more than showed at the able bodied Olympics.

"For the (weightlifting) finals, more than 9,000 people showed up. I guess people like to see the big boys move that tonnage."

Brownfield will take two or three weeks off from training before he gets back in the weight room to prepare for the World Championships to be held in January in Denton, Texas. He also plans to compete in the 1990 Pan American Games.

"I'm trying to find a job as a strength coach somewhere," said Brownfield, who has a degree in physical education. "Right now, I'm going to relax for a couple of weeks."

Brownfield has been sponsored by Anchor Glass in Henryetta, A and B Distributors, the Elks Lodge and Bill Heady. According to the silver medalist, "lots of people sent me $5 and $10 contributions and I appreciate everyone of them."

Brownfield is the son of James and Charlie Brownfield of Dewar.

New Videotapes Now Available from CN Communications Dept.-

Three new titles have been added to the list of video programs available from the Creek Nation Communications Department, according to Gary Robinson, Communications Specialist. They are:

"A Time to Heal," *which documents the beginning of the Mvskoke Nation Chapter of the Vietnam Veterans group. Members of the organization explain why this Chapter is important to them in the process of healing emotional wounds they suffered as a result of the Vietnam War. Their colorguard is seen in action, carrying the flags at Pow-Wows, parades and other special events.*

"Where the Action Is," *is a music video about the Annual Creek Nation Festival, featuring all the major events of the three-day event which brings in an annual gathering of Creek people from all over the nation. Festival action is set to popular music, creating a lively pace.*

CN Videos...

"Tokon'he/Crooked Sticks," *is a cultural education program about the art of making ballsticks for Creek stickball games. Tema Tiger of Fishpond Ceremonial Ground in rural Okfuskee County, demonstrates how he makes the sticks and talks about tribal traditions passed from generation to generation.*

For more information, or to obtain copies of these programs, contact Gary Robinson at the Creek Nation Communications Department at 918/756-8700 ext. 310.

NIEA '88 20th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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Registered Appaloosa to be raffled at NIEA

"Cheyenne Sun Dance," a registered leopard-pattern appaloosa horse (breed developed by the Nez Perce Indians) will be raffled during the November 13-17 NIEA'88 Conference in Tulsa.

The appaloosa is a half-brother to Oort Cloud, a 1982 appaloosa stallion that won the 1982 Aged Stallion Class in Halter at the Oklahoma State Fair. Oort Cloud has won many blue ribbons in halter and has qualified for the 1988 World Show. These two horses are out of the same dam and owned by the Lawrence Hart family.

Buy your $1 tickets now from the Oklahoma Council for Indian Education (OCIE) steering committee to win Cheyenne Sun Dance. Tickets will also be sold at the Conference. You need not be present to win. For more information, call OCIE at 918-665-0595.

NIEA CONFERENCE- NOVEMBER 13-17 !

By Kathryn Bell

The National Indian Education Association (NIEA) is hosting it's 20th Annual Conference November 13-17 at the Tulsa Convention Center.

The Conference is expected to draw more than 4,000 individuals representing American Indian and Alaskan Native education activities local, state, regional and nationwide.

"Indian Youth: Learners Today...Leaders Tomorrow," is the theme of the Constitutional Conference, which is being hosted this year by the Oklahoma Council for Indian Education (OCIE).

The Conference is a yearly event of the NIEA, the largest of the Native American education interest groups, and was established in 1969 with a national constituency with vital concerns in programs designed to improve the status of Indian education. NIEA is headquartered in Washington, D.C.

The Conference agenda includes General Assemblies, workshops and special events.

Opening the Conference on Monday, November 14, the First General Assembly will be held at 9:00 AM with a tribal processional by Oklahoma tribal leaders and representatives. Lawrence Hart, OCIE President, will narrate during this processional. A Welcome will follow by Ed Parisian, NIEA President, with Wilma Mankiller, Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Dr. Sandy Garrett, Oklahoma Secretary of Education, and Dana Jim, outstanding Indian youth.

Keynote speakers for the First General Assembly will be Will Antell, First President of NIEA, Bonnie Guiton, Assistant Secretary of Vocational and Adult Education and Robert McAdams, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C.

Other featured speakers throughout the five-day conference will be Oklahoma Senator Enoch (Kelly) Haney, Seminole-Creek, Ben Nighthorse Campbell, U.S. Congressman from Colorado and member of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, Beryl Dorsett, Assistant Secretary of Elementary and Secondary Education, Peter Bounpane, Assistant Director, U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Lionel Bordeaux, President of Sinte Gleska College, Wilson Babby, Director of Indian Education in the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Brian Stacy, Acting Director of the U.S. Department of Indian Education, Hershel Sahmaunt, Gaylon Franklin, and other tribal leaders.

Internationally-known youth motivational speakers, Billy Mills and Howard Rainer, will also be featured speakers and presentors during the Conference.

Student Assemblies, meetings, workshops and special youth activities and academic competitions are on the agenda as well as parent-oriented workshops.

General Strand workshops will focus on the Conference theme and will examine American Indian education concerns, provide for an exchange of ideas and promote continual development and research of education issues affecting American Indian and Alaskan natives.

These workshop topics will range from early childhood education to elementary, secondary, post-secondary and adult education. Workshops will be conducted on vocational and bilingual education, as well as special/exceptional education. Youth leadership, youth motivation, counseling and management/administration of Indian education programs and grant writing are also timely workshop topics.

Also, ten Indian education projects across the country, which have been designated as model programs by the Office of Indian Education, will be the subjects of workshop presentations.

Conference attendees will be asked to adopt resolutions affecting all areas of Indian Education, during the Conference.

Highlighting Conference special events will be an Awards Banquet scheduled for Tuesday, November 15, at 6:30 p.m., where the Indian Educator of the Year, Indian Elder of the Year, Indian Parent and Indian Student of the Year will be named and honored. Keynote Speaker for the Banquet is Dr. Lloyd Elm, the 1987 Indian Educator of the Year.

Other special events include a Media Festival, Student Talent Show, Student Video Contest, a Western-Style handgame, a health fair and health screening, cultural presentations, art show, a production of the American Indian Theater, a trip to the Creek Nation Bingo Hall in Tulsa and many other informative and fun activities.

Educational and commercial exhibits and displays will be set up in the Convention Center throughout the Conference.

Conference registration will be located at the Convention Center and will open Sunday, November 13, from 9:00 - 6:00 and will continue throughout each day of the Conference.

For more information on NIEA '88, contact the Oklahoma Council for Indian Education, 918-665-0595.

The 1989 NIEA Conference will be held in Anchorage, Alaska.

—SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL EVENTS—

NIEA'88 Pow-Wow- Oklahoma-Style!

An Oklahoma southern-style Pow-wow will be held in conjunction with the NIEA'88 Conference, on November 16 at the Tulsa Convention Center, site of the NIEA Conference, November 13-17.

Evans Ray Satepauhoodle, Pow-wow committee chairman, said the Pow-wow will start at 4 p.m. with Gourd Dancing and will continue until 7:30 p.m. The Parade-in will start at 8:00 p.m.with the Oklahoma Intertribal Vietnam Era Veterans and the Kiowa Black Legging Society, Anadarko, as host color guard. Host Gourd Clans are the Kiowa Gourd Clan, Carnegie, and the Osage Gourd Clan, Pawhuska.

HMD is Steve Pratt, HLD is Christina Hart, 1987 Miss Indian Oklahoma and 1985 NIEA Outstanding Student of the Year.

HWDS, Frank Adson; HGDS, Leonard Cozad, Sr.; M.C., Archie Mason and Tom Roughface, Arena directors are Perry Aunko, Howard Todome and Don Green Feather.

For more information call The Oklahoma Council for Indian Education at 918/665-0595.

Handgame & "49" Contest to be held during NIEA-

A Western Style Open Handgame, Lulu Contest and "49" Contest will take place during the Tulsa NIEA Conference at the Doubletree Hotel on November 14.

All three events are "Chemical Free" (no alcoholic beverages). Chairman is Lewis Cozad. The following rules will apply with the decision of the judges as final:

HANDGAME
14 Sticks- 5 Match Games
Best Singer $30/Best Hider $30
Best Guess $30

Singers must register and participate in all five match games. Guesser and hider- the winner will be the person who earns the most sticks for their side.

LULU CONTEST
1st-$100, 2nd-$75, 3rd-$50

Each contestant must register. When your number is called each contestant will be judged accordingly.

"49" CONTEST
1st-$200, 2nd-$100, 3rd-$50
Best Man Lead Singer, $25
Best Woman Singer, $25

Must register each drum with a roster of four singers minimum. Must remain with registered drum. Each singer will sing three songs, four push-ups each, when their number is called.

NIEA Talent Show...

The NIEA Talent Show will be held Monday, November 14, at 7:00 p.m. at the Tulsa Convention Center. It is open for students and educators attending the Conference. Prizes will be awarded and special recognition awards given. There will be a dance, comedy, solos and skits!

Special TV Programs Broadcast during NIEA

National Indian Education Conference attendees will be treated to a series of six Indian oriented television specials broadcast on Tulsa Cable TV during the conference. The programs can be seen on Tulsa Cable Channel 19 from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. In the evenings, the programs will be aired on Channel 18 from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on those same three days.

These programs are being made available through a special arrangement between the Tulsa Public Schools and the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

These TV programs primarily focus on the activities of Indian tribes and individuals in the northeastern part of the state.

"Inside Native America" to be taped at NIEA-

"Inside Native America," a public affairs program that focuses on the issues and concerns of the American Indian community in Tulsa, hosted by George Tiger, Liaison Officer for the Principal Chief, Creek Nation, will be taping from the NIEA '88 Conference. George's guests will include Indian education leaders who will be present at the NIEA Conference and members of the Conference Steering Committee. "Inside Native America" is aired twice monthly on Sunday mornings on KOTV- Channel 6 in Tulsa.

Christine Henneha

Art of Turtle-Shells Demonstrated at Exhibit by Creek Traditionalist

Christine Henneha, Creek turtle-shell maker from Okemah, attended the exhibit "Turtle Shell Shackles" in Oklahoma City on October 14-15. She was a part of the exhibit "Songs of Indian Territory: Native American Tradition of Oklahoma," which was sponsored by the State Arts Council, to preserve Native American music traditions.

Also on the program for that special event coordinated by Willie Smyth, Folk Arts Coordinator, was a stompdance group from Tallahassee Ground and a church group from Thewarle Indian Church.

Christine has been the subject of an ***MNN*** article and videotape produced by the CN Communications Dept.

Indian Writers- Nimrod to publish Indian issue

Nimrod, the International Journal of Fiction and Poetry, is now accepting submissions for *Oklahoma Indian Markings,* Volume 32, Number 2, Spring 1989. The writings will be about Indians by Indians with an emphasis on the contemporary. All manuscripts should be submitted with an enclosed self addressed stamped envelope to *Oklahoma Indian Markings"* Nimrod, 2210 South Main, Tulsa, OK 74114.

The deadline for entries and submissions is November 30.

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Gum Disease Prevention—

The Claremore Indian Hospital is promoting a self-help preventive dental health program where a person can come for gum disease detection and prevention. Indian eligible persons qualify for a free gum disease screening exam. For further information on gum disease, the main cause of tooth loss in adults, contact your Creek Nation dental clinics or the Claremore Indian Hospital Dental Facility.

Creek Nation Headstart Program Gets New Director

NEW CN HEADSTART DIRECTOR SHERYL GONSETH, *center, opens the door to the CN Communications Department in the Mound Building for the annual Creek Nation Headstarters Halloween Tour of offices in the Complex and Mound Building for 'Trick or Treat!' CN Headstart Center teacher, Faye Baker, is shown at right, "directing traffic."*

-photo by Jim Wolfe

By Kathryn Bell

The Creek Nation Headstart Program, in it's ninth year of operation, has a new Director. Sherryl Gonseth, a former Headstart Teacher at the Okmulgee (Creek Nation) Center assumed the Director's duties just recently.

She will be responsible for the Creek Nation's four Headstart Centers- Okmulgee, Yeager, Sapulpa and Eufaula.

Mrs. Gonseth, Creek, grew up in Okemah, attended high school at Mason and she and her husband, Clarence, live in Preston with their two children, Carla, 15, and Eric, 12.

Including her experience as a teacher with the Creek Nation Headstart program, Sherryl has had courses in early childhood development and education- child abuse, body safety for preschoolers, curriculum in a preschool setting and other child education-oriented training. She has also had previous experience as a Child Care facility director.

The Centers provide a curriculum that includes individualized educational programs in vital areas of early childhood education: language development skills, cognitive skills, gross and fine motor development skills, self-help and social and emotional growth opportunities.

In addition, the Centers provide nutritional services, as well as health and dental screening, treatment and referrals.

Currently, the combined enrollment of the four centers is 163 but is expected to increase within the next monthly reporting period.

The Headstart Program recently received three new buses- one going to the Yeager Center, one to the Sapulpa Center and one to Eufaula Center. In addition, other areas of change include updating the Creek Nation Head Start Handbook.

The administrative offices for the Creek Nation Headstart Program are located at the Mound Bldg. Call 756-8700.

Creek OKC Student Example of Youth Achievement

STEPHANIE YAZZIE *is shown in downtown Oklahoma City after her school band performed in a parade. Stephanie is active in school-related and community events.*

Stephanie Yazzie, 12, a Creek seventh grader at Webster Middle School in Oklahoma City, is one example of Creek youth who work hard to excel- to reach the potential all of our Indian youth possess. We commend her accomplishments.

Stephanie, reports her grandfather, Alec Davis, whom Stephanie lives with in Oklahoma City, is an honor student and member of the school band. She plays a clarinet. In addition, she most recently completed her reign as JOM Princess at her school and has won several other Princess titles as well in the last several years.

Stephanie is also active in the youth activities of her church, the First Southern Baptist in Oklahoma City. She is involved with Karate and other athletic activities.

Most recently, Stephanie received a trophy in the "Best All-Around Students" category of the local JOM program.

Stephanie's parents are Terry Yazzie of Iowa and Bobbie Haney of Oklahoma City.

She is also a member of a civilian (student) organization which support the USS Oklahoma City, a Navy submarine.

Rodney Stauffer

Creek pilot receives Air Guard Silver Wings

Air National Guard 2nd Lt. Rodney Stauffer graduated from the U.S. Air Force Pilot Training Program and received silver wings at Williams Air Force Base in Phoenix, Ariz. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Stauffer of Eufaula and grandson of Mrs. Nadine Buck and the late Sam Buck.

Stauffer graduated from Southern Illinois University with a degree in Aviation Technology. He has a private pilot license, instrument rated commercial pilot license and is a certified flight instructor. Stauffer will live in Peoria, Ill. where he will continue to fly with the Illinois Air National Guard.

DO YOU NEED LEGAL ADVICE OR HELP?

Do you need legal help? Oklahoma Indian Legal Services, Inc., (OILS) is a federally funded non-profit legal aid office providing free legal help to low income Indians living in Oklahoma, with the following kinds of cases: Indian housing, Indian child welfare, Indian land problems, tribal sovereignty and other Indian legal problems such as education and health issues. For further information call toll free in the **405 area, 0-528-5500, wait for tone and dial 450.** In the **918 area, dial 0-405/528-5500, wait for tone and dial 4450.**

Jessica Rabbit

Creek student places in Karate Jr. Olympics

Jessica Lee Rabbit placed fifth in the 13 and 14 year old female division and earned a bronze medal from the Karate Junior Olympics held in Lawrence, Kansas. Rabbit is a student at Tracy's Karate School in Okmulgee and is a blue belt. Rabbit plans to compete at next year's AAU/Junior Olympics in San Antonio, Texas. She is the daughter of Jeanette and Gerald Rabbit of Okmulgee.

Creek Completes Army Basic Training-

Private Ray Jimboy of Clearview, has completed training at the U.S. Army Infantry School in Fort Benning, Georgia. During the course, Jimboy received training that qualified him as a light-weapons infantryman and as an indirect fire crewman in a rifle or mortar squad. Instruction included weapons qualifications, tactics, patrolling, land mine warfare, field communications and combat operations.

Jimboy is a 1985 graduate of Okemah High School.

Outstanding FHA Member Honor Goes to Creek Girl

Jenna Lowe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lowe, has been chosen as Outstanding FHA Member of the Month by the Okemah High School Chapter of the Future Homemakers of America.

A sophomore at Okemah High School, Lowe serves as chapter president. She flew to Houston, Texas on Oct. 21 as the Okemah Chapter representative to the National Cluster Meeting where she atended various workshops.

Have You Moved?

If you have moved or changed your mailing address, inform us at the Muscogee Nation News, so your paper can be sent to you. Write or call in your change of address to: **Creek Nation Communications Dept., P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447** or telephone **918/756-8700, ext. 327.**

Kerry Girty

Friendship Force trip includes Creek NSU student

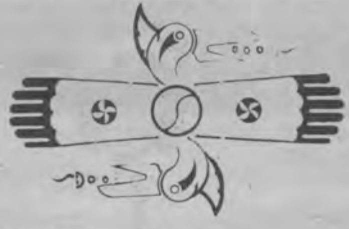
Kerry Girty, a Lawrence, Kansas Creek who is a senior at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, was recently selected to take a two-week goodwill tour of England in mid-November.

The trip was sponsored by the Friendship Force, an organization created by Jimmy Carter during his Presidency to instill a sense of global friendships among the citizens of the world and would serve as a force against armaments.

Kerry is the daughter of Frances and Andy Girty of Lawrence, Kansas, and the granddaughter of Susie Scott of Okemah and the late Ellis Scott.

Hanna Community Elects 1989 Officers

The Hanna Indian Community, a chartered entity of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, elected officers on Oct. 24. Those elected are: Barbara Fogle, president; Dewey Tolbert, vice president; Becky Littlehead, secretary; Kizzie Harjo, treasurer and Foster Smith, sargeant-at-arms. The regular community meetings are held the first Monday of each month.



Clarification

Inadvertently, the grandparents of Sally Anissa Miller were incorrectly identified in the October issue of ***MNN***. Miller's maternal grandparents are Clarence and Emily Bunny of Tulsa and her paternal grandparents are Farris and Bonnie Miller of Port Neches, Texas. She is the great-granddaughter of Lilly Berryhill of Okmulgee and the late Charley King.

Philanthropy to issue call for proposals on Indian health issues

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, one of the nation's largest health care philanthropys, will issue a call for proposals in an effort to improve the health of Native Americans.

The Foundation will provide up to $2 million to support community health care projects designed to serve American Indian and Alaskan native infants, children, adolescents and adults.

Proposals requesting funds for feasibility studies and start-up costs for the management and financing of new health care ventures also will be encouraged.

Timothy L. Taylor, PhD, assistant professor of health administration at the University of Oklahoma College of Public Health, Oklahoma City, is directing the program. He is also a member of the Kiowa Tribe. "What's unique about this initiative is that tribes are being given the opportunity to address their health needs from their own environment and perspective," said Taylor. "The Foundation is encouraging Indian tribes to be imaginative and creative in their proposals."

For further information on the call for proposals, contact the Foundation's Communications Office at 609-452-8701 or by writing to PO Box 2316, Princeton, NJ 08543-2316. Grants under the initiative will be announced in August 1989. The deadline for the foundation's receipt of proposals is March 1, 1989.

Birth Announcement-

Jonathan and Jessica Beaver

Robin and Alicia Beaver of Weleetka, announce the birth of Jonathan Ray and Jessica Renee September 13 at Carl Albert Hospital, Ada. The twins weighed six pounds apiece at birth. Paternal grandmother is Wanda Beaver McNac of Okemah. Maternal grandmother is Liza Harjo of Oklahoma City. The twins great grandparents are Christine Henneha of Okemah and the late Wysema Bucktrot and the late Rev. Oscar Harjo. The family would like to thank all those who held baby showers and those who gave gifts.

OBITUARIES

WILLEY DEERE

Willey Deere, 84 of Eufaula, died Sunday at his home after a lengthy illness.

Wake service was held at Tuskegee Baptist Church Oct. 25. Funeral services were Oct. 26 at Tuskegee Baptist Church with the Rev. Dan Phillips and Rev. Charles Thompson officiating. Pianist was Henryetta Marshall.

Pallbearers were Bunny Hill, Belvin Hill, Richard Colbert, Gary Colbert, Russell Colbert and John Scott Harjo.

Honorary pallbearers are Logan Mouser, Glenn Sessions, Dan Barnett, Kenneth Colbert, Amos Bean and Scotty Harjo. Ushers were Claude Cricklin and Thomas Dick.

Burial was at the Greenwood Cemetery under the direction of the Merritt Funeral Service.

Deere was born Oct. 30, 1903 at Bunny, near Pierce. He farmed until 1953 then he began working for Borne Engineering Company retiring after 15 years of service.

Deere was a member of Tuskegee Baptist Church where he served as a deacon.

Deere was preceded in death by two sons, Tim Barnett and Thurman Deere.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth; a son Herman Deere of Tulsa; 12 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

MARGARET ELIZABETH FRANCIS

Margaret Elizabeth Francis, 81 of Checotah, died Oct. 21, after a lengthy illness. Song service was held in the Merritt Funeral Service Chapel in Eufaula, with Brother Raymond Beaver and the Okfuskee Baptist Church officiating. Funeral services were held Oct. 25 in the Merritt Funeral Service Chapel with the Rev. Durand Parish of Checotah and the Rev. Nathaniel Thomas of Blanchard officiating.

Music was by David Oxley, Leona Petersen and the Okfuskee Baptist Church.

Pallbearers were Robert Eldon Francis, Darren Robert Francis, Mitchel Alvis Francis, Jr., Everett Lawrence, Samuel Thomas and Travis Buie.

Burial was in the Greenwood Cemetery under the direction of the Merrit Funeral Service of Eufaula.

Francis was born Nov. 18, 1906. A devoted wife and mother, she was an active member of the Calvary Pentecostal Church of God in Checotah. She was preceded in death by her husband Jeff Francis.

Survivors include three loving sons and their wives, Robert and Joanne Francis of Del City; Marcie Dan and Edith Francis of Oklahoma City; Mitchel and Evelyn Francis of Moore; seven grandchildren, Denise McCorkel and Robert E. Francis both of Oklahoma City; Darren Francis and Dean Francis of Del City; Laura, Marci and Mitchel Francis of Moore; three great-grandchildren, Stephanie, Aubree and Heather McCorkel of Oklahoma City; a devoted cousin and friend, Lewis Jennings of Oklahoma City and many other relatives and friends.

WASHIE LEWIS JR.

Washie Lewis Jr., 63, of Eufaula, died Tuesday, Oct. 25 at his home in Eufaula.

Wake services were Oct. 27 at the Merritt Funeral Service Chapel in Eufaula with Raymond Beaver officiating. Burial was in the Greenwood Cemetery under the direction of Merritt Funeral Service.

Pallbearers were Sutagee Anglin, Charles Lewis Jr., Taylor Fields, Sam Marshall Jr., Norman Tiger and Pat McGirt.

Lewis was born Oct. 10, 1925 in McIntosh County to Ellis Jackson and Ida Marshall Lewis. He was retired from the Bureau of Indian Affairs after 30 years of government service. He was a graduate of Eufaula High School and a Golden Gloves Boxing Champion in 1946 and 1947.

A graduate of Bacone College, Lewis earned a degree in business administration. He attended Bacone on a boxing scholarship.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother Charles Lewis and a sister, Marie Lyons.

Lewis is survived by five daughters: Lydia L. Anglin and Carolyn Wilbanks, both of Newton, North Carolina; Lorene Lewis and Evelyn Dowling, both of Eufaula; Joyce Anglin of Burnsville, North Carolina; two sons, Jackson Lewis of Eufaula and Francis D. Lewis of Newton, North Carolina; four brothers, Legus of Eufaula; Solus of New York; Garfield of Checotah and Glen Dale of Kansas; and seventeen grandchildren.

Two Creek Citizens buried in Congressional D.C. Cemetery

Of the eleven tribes who have tribal members buried in the Congressional Cemetery in Washington, D.C., two of these are Creek tribal members. They are: Daniel S. Asberry, who died June 1856 and buried in Range 25, Site 213; and Efar Emarthlar, who died December 1888, and who was buried in Range 95, Site 354.

These burial sites of the two Creeks, are among the American Indians who were honored October 29 by the Congressional Cemetery Association called "Celebration of Native American Life."

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation was represented at this historic event and details will be in the next MNN issue.

Winter Energy Assistance

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Division of Community Services, will assist eligible low income households with winter heating costs for those Indians age 60 years and older residing within the Creek Nation.

Amount of Assistance: For primary household heating source

Natural Gas - **$150.00** - to be paid to gas company - Bring your statement.

Propane - **$150.00** - To be paid to vendor upon delivery and acceptance by participant

Wood - **$150.00** - To be paid vendor upon delivery and acceptance by participant

Eligibility: To be eligible for the Creek Nation Low Income Energy Assistance Program, *all of the following information must be brought to the signup site and verified.*

-Applicant must be an American Indian, age 60 years and over

-Verification of Indian Ancestry; Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) Card

-Verification of total household income; eligibility is based according to income guidelines. Bring recent payroll check stubs or copies, Social Security statements, etc.

-Verification of residency within Creek Nation service delivery area; a utility statement with your address printed on statement

-Person must complete and sign an application form. Persons are permitted to have someone apply on their behalf only with a signed statement authorizing another person to apply in their behalf. Statement must be brought in at time and location of signup.

-Applicants will be assisted subject to the availability of funds.

Income Guidelines:

Family Size	Annual Income	Monthly Income
1	$8,655	$721.25
2	$11,595	$966.25
3	$14,535	$1,211.25
4	$17,475	$1,456.25
5	$20,415	$1,701.25
6	$23,355	$1,946.25

For each additional household member after six (6) increase annual income limit by **$2,940.**

Location, Date and Time:

Tulsa District-
Monday, Dec. 5, 1989 - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Native American Coalition Bldg.
1740 W. 41st St., Tulsa
Creek District
Monday, Dec. 5, 1988 - 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Kellyville Indian Community Center
Old Silver Dollar Ballroom, highway 66, Kellyville
Muskogee District
Tuesday, Dec. 6, 1988 - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Muskogee Indian Community Center
111 S. Virginia, Muskogee
Wagoner District
Tuesday, Dec. 6, 1988 - 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Koweta Indian Community Center, Coweta
Hughes District
Wednesday, Dec. 7, 1988 - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Holdenville Indian Community Center, Holdenville
Okfuskee District
Wednesday, Dec. 7, 1988 - 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Social Services Mobile Home, Creek Nation Community Hospital, Okemah
McIntosh District
Thursday, Dec. 8, 1988 - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Eufaula Indian Community Center, Eufaula
Okmulgee District
Thursday, Dec. 8, 1988 - 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Okmulgee Indian Community Center, Okmulgee

Oklahoma Indian Legal Services Survey Form

Dear Community Member:

The Oklahoma Indian Legal Services (OILS) Board of Directors decides which type of Indian law issues will be handled by OILS each year. The Board of Directors will make a decision in January and is interested in hearing the ideas of the Indian community before designating its case priorities for 1989. We need your help to better serve you, the Indian community members.

All Indian clients and members of the Indian community are invited to complete the following survey, clip it out and mail it to the address below. Please note that OILS handles Indian status related cases, and the Legal Aid of Western Oklahoma and Legal Services of Eastern Oklahoma handles other types of cases for low income Indians.

Your Tribe:

Your County of Residence:

ISSUES	Importance and Need		
	Very Important	Important	Unimportant
Land Problems			
Restricted and Trust Land Problems			
Mineral Rights			
Settling the estate after someone dies, where Indian lands mineral rights or IIM accounts are involved			
Indian Child Custody Problems - General			
Where state removes children from families			
Where third party seeks custody of child in divorce action			
Adoptions			
Grandparent Visitation			
Where family allows third party to care for child and they refuse to return child			
Other			
Natural Resource Problem			
Hunting rights			
Fishing rights			
Water rights			
Other			
Individual Rights			
Tribal enrollment problems			
Indian religion issues			
Federal entitlement; social security, public assistance, etc.			
Tribal Sovereignty and Jurisdictional Issues			
Indian housing problems			
Education			
Employment discrimination			
Health problems			
Civil rights			
Voting rights			
Other			

RETURN BY THE DEADLINE, DECEMBER 31, 1988 to:

Norman Johnson
Oklahoma Indian Legal Services
3033 N. Walnut, Suite 103W
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

NEA President warns Minority Journalists about Education Needs

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Unless the nation moves quickly to educate its growing minority student population, it will lose in its efforts to regain a global competitive edge, National Education Association President Mary Hatwood Futrell told 100 leading minority journalists this month.

These students must develop the skills essential for them to contribute to our increasingly information-based economy, and the United States can no longer afford to undereducate or waste what will soon be one-third of its human capital, she said.

She made her remarks at a historic first joint meeting of the boards of directors of the National Association of Black Journalists, the National Association of Hispanic Journalists, the Asian American Journalists Asssociation, and the Native American Press Association in Baltimore, Maryland, October 15.

Demographic projections show that by the year 2020 minorities will make up 35 percent of the students in the nation's schools. The black population is expected to grow from 11 to 14 percent. The Hispanic population, not including Puerto Rico, will grow from eight to 15 percent. The Native American population will double to one percent and the Asian population will increase from 1.5 to five percent.

Futrell cited the National Education Association's "And Justice for All" reports, released last year, as one measure of commitment. "The U.S. cannot wait any longer to address the challenge", said Futrell.

National Focus—

Native American Press Research Association-

Papers are being invited for the 1989 Conference of the American Native Press Research Association to be held April 14 and 15 at the University of Oklahoma in Norman.

The Conference is the fifth annual meeting of the Association which represents only one aspect of the ongoing efforts of the association and the American Native Press Archives to call attention to the native press, to create a forum for discussing the issues to address and to stress the importance of its preservation as a contemporary record of American Indian and Alaskan native concerns.

For more information contact Geary Hobson, English Dept., OU, 760 Van Vleet Oval, Norman, OK 73019.

APA Planning Program Fellowships Available-

The American Planning Association is currently taking application for scholarships to encourage students of minority backgrounds to enter the planning profession and to help such students who would otherwise be unable to continue in their studies in planning. Several fellowships ranging from $2,000-$5,000 are awarded on a annual basis. The program is open to first and second year college students enrolled in graduate planning program that has been accredited by the Planning Accreditation Board and who can document financial need.

For further information on this program, contact the APA Planning Fellowship Program, American Planning Association, 1776 Massachusetts Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. 20036, Attn: Assistant for Division and Student Services. ***Deadline is May 15.***

Journalism scholarships offered by Native Press

The Native American Press Association (NAPA) is now offering a total of $3,000 in educational scholarships to Native American high school and college students for the 1989-90 school year. Each scholarship winner will receive $500 for his/her post-secondary journalism education.

The scholarships will be awarded at the 5th Annual NAPA Journalism and Education Training Conference scheduled March 2-4, 1989, at the Sheraton-Kensington, in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

To become eligible for the scholarships, students must submit the following: 1) Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood; 2) Official transcripts; 3) Must carry a 2.5 grade point or better; 4) Letter of recommendation; and 5) Published writing samples or photography samples.

Deadline for consideration is February 1, 1989.

Students must submit all of the information to NAPA, c/o Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 1734, Boulder, Colorado 80306.

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Court Rules 18 Votes Needed for Override

by Jim Wolfe

The following opinion of Muscogee (Creek) District Court Judge Patrick Moore is a response to petitions filed by the tribe's general counsel and a similiar petition by National Council representative Bill Burden.

The petitions to the Court for a *writ of mandamus*, which means a direct order for action by the Court.

Former tribal attorney Sherrin Watkins filed the first petition against the Muscogee (Creek) National Council in Sept. The petition asked the Court to give a decision regarding the procedures and votes for a Council veto override.

Burden's petition asked the Court to order Principal Chief Claude Cox to comply with a veto override that provided money to the Creek Council Museum.

Two hearings, the first on Oct. 10 and the second, on Oct. 26, were held for both sides to present positions, discussion and briefs. Judge Moore concluded that the conflict involved the question of full membership of the National Council and what number of that full membership must vote to override a veto before an ordinance can become enacted.

The following opinion was issued by the judge on Nov. 17 and is printed in its entirety.

In the District Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Oklahoma, Okmulgee, Oklahoma. Bill Burden, National Council Representative, Okfuskee District, Plaintiff, vs. Principal Chief Claude A. Cox, Defendant.

Statement of Case—

Representative Bill Burden filed a Petition for a Writ of Mandamus on October 13, 1988 seeking to compel Principal Chief Claude A. Cox to comply with Ordinance NCA 88-47.

NCA 88-47 was passed by the Muscogee (Creek) National Council comprised of twenty-six (26) members with twenty (20) members in attendance on August 27, 1988 by a vote of thirteen (13) in favor, six (6) against and zero (0) abstensions presented to the Principal Chief on a date uncertain, returned to the Muscogee (Creek) National Council with objections as a VETO by the Principal Chief on September 8, 1988.

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council reconsidered NCA 88-47 on September 24, 1988. The vote on the reconsideration was seventeen (17) in favor, seven (7) against, and zero (0) abstensions, said vote was recorded by yeas and nays and the names of the persons voting for and against on the journal of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council at which time Mr. Speaker, Kenneth Childers declared the motion to override the Principal Chief's VETO to have carried and NCA 88-47 was a proper ordinance.

The Principal Chief has refused to enforce NCA 88-47 contending that constitutional provisions of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Constitution were not met regarding passage of a VETO'd ordinance after reconsideration of two-thirds (2/3) of the full membership in the Muscogee (Creek) National Council.

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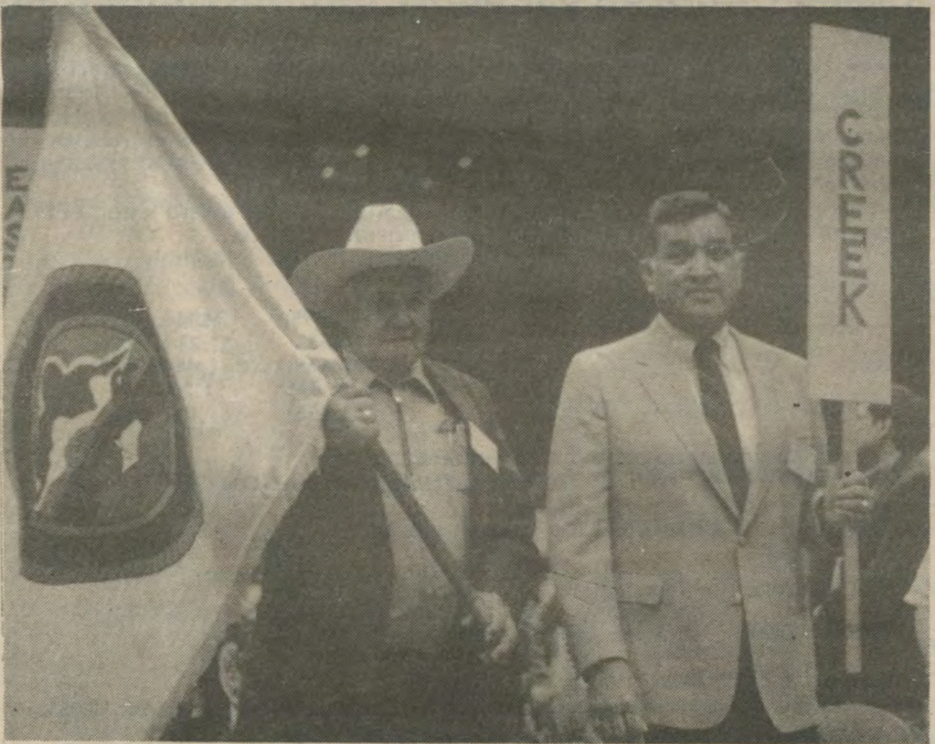
Tulsa Hosts NIEA'88...



***CREEK PRINCIPAL CHIEF CLAUDE COX AND SECOND CHIEF PERRY BEAVER** represented the Creek Nation during the Tribal Processional by Oklahoma Tribal Representatives on the opening day in the Civic Center, of the National Indian Education Association's 20th Annual Conference held in Tulsa November 13-17. The Conference, whose theme was "Indian Youth: Learners Today...Leaders Tomorrow" drew approximately 2,700 registered participants, making it one of the most successful conferences in NIEA history.* *-photo by Gary Robinson*

Oklahoma Group is Seeking Changes at Haskell Jr. College

by Jim Wolfe

An investigation of the past president and current administrators at Haskell Indian Junior College has been completed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs according to acting Haskell president Dr. Dick Van Peters.

Van Peters refused to speculate what the final BIA report might reveal about the administration of the junior college or when the Bureau might complete its report.

Several groups, including the Oklahoma Chapter of the Haskell Alumni Association and the Muscogee (Creek) National Council have been demanding that corrections be made at the administrative level in Lawrence, Kansas.

This year, Haskell has more students attending class from the state of Oklahoma than any other area. "That's why we've taken a stand," says Joyce Bear, Muscogee citizen and president of the Oklahoma Chapter of the Haskell Alumni Association.

According to Bear, the Oklahoma chapter is the largest of eight Haskell Alumni Association chapters with 139 members.

The Oklahoma Chapter presented a resolution calling for changes at the school to the National Council at its Regular Session in Okmulgee on Nov. 19.

The resolution names four people who are alleged to have been involved in grade changing and other acts. Listed is former Haskell president Gerald Gipp, now in D.C., administrator Charles Geboe, supervisor Robert Goombi and personnel clerk Judy Ortega Allen.

Also included in the resolution are charges of misconduct, unethical behavior, nepotism and

(CHANGES continued on page 10)

MERRY CHRISTMAS

No OILS applications taken in December-

During the month of December 1988, Oklahoma Indian Legal Services, Inc., will not be taking any applications for service. Oklahoma Indian Legal Services, Inc., suggests that potential clients have a situation that requires immediate attention, to contact the nearest Legal Aid in their area or a private attorney. The Oklahoma Indian Legal Services, Inc., will resume taking applications January, 1989.

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All editorials and letters will become the property of the *Muscogee Nation News*. Editorials must be signed by the individual writer and include a traceable address.

Deadline for submission is the third Friday of each month. Submissions may be brought to the Muscogee Nation News office located in the Tribal Mound during the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays).

Change of address or address corrections requested. For additional copies, call the MNN office at 918/756-8700, extension 327 for arrangements. Address: P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447.

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Chief's Presentation Appreciated by Leaders...

Dear Chief Cox,

On behalf of the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department and the Oklahoma Travel Industry Association, I want to extend a heartfelt "thank you" for your presentation at the 17th Annual Travel Industry Conference.

You made an important contribution to our program and we appreciate the fact that you took the time and effort to make our conference a success.

Sincerely,
(s)**Eugene Dilbeck**
Marketing Services Division
Tourism and Recreation Dept.

Needs Family information-

Dear Friends:

I recently wrote to the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Muskogee inquiring about my grandfather, Charlie Evans (Roll No. 3628), and asking information about both the history and current events of the tribe. I received an address to which I have written about my grandfather's parentage and descendants , and I was also referred to you as the source through which I could get information about the tribe.

I do know that a brother of my grandfather, Clem Evans was his name, I believe, led trail rides for many years. I have no other information about my grandfather's family, however and would like to locate other relatives if possible. Any help you could offer would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely Yours,
(s) ***Marcia A. Treat***

Dear Muscogee Nation News,

Enclosed is a letter for Reverend Ernest Best. I do not know his address, would you please forward? I enjoy reading his "letters" in your paper.

I would like to take this time to tell you that *MNN* is everything desirable in a tribal newspaper. The factual reporting of major issues which effect our people is the most commendable. This is truly class "A" journalism.

Sincerely,
C. Sue Patton
Keota, Oklahoma

Editor's note: The address of Rev. Ernest Best is **P.O. Box 31, Eufaula, OK 74432.**

CORRECTION:

Inadvertently, the vote totals of the Okfuskee District special election at the Okemah precinct were switched in the November issue of the ***MNN.*** The correct results show Bill Fife had 67 votes and Margaret Mauldin with 55.

Merry Christmas

Seasons Greetings
To All Citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation:
On behalf of the National Council, I wish to extend a Blessed Christmas and A Joyous New Year.

Respectfully,
(s) ***Kenneth L. Childers, Speaker***
National Council
Muscogee (Creek) Nation

Dear Gary Robinson,

Thank you for your assistance in the television programming. I'm sure the NIEA Convention people enjoyed the programs. I did. Couldn't have done it without your help.

A Thousands Ah-hos,
Archie Mason, Director
Tulsa Indian Pupil Education

NOTE: *During the NIEA Conference in Tulsa, recently, Creek Nation provided video programs to the Tulsa Public Schools Educational TV station for broadcast on Tulsa Cable television. Conference participants watched these programs daily from their in-room televisions.*

Dear Gary Robinson,

This is note is to thank you for the Creek Nation video programs that you recorded for us. We shall treasure them always and share them with everyone. They are unique in preserving Creek history.

Respectfully,
Robert J. Fife

—NOTICE TO READERS—

In submitting news articles, community and church news, etc., please type it or print legibly, and in submitting photos, black and white prints are better- however, color prints can be used, if they are of good quality. Thank You!

-NOTICE-

Creek Children's School Clothing Guidelines

Creek Nation Social Services is pleased to announce that National Council has appropriated funding for Creek Children School Clothing fiscal year '89. Eligibility requirements will depend on the following: **1. *Income verification*** *(see guidelines below);* ***2. Child's Citizenship Card; 3. Enrolled in grades 1-12*** *(letter from school verifying school enrollment and attendance for each child)* ***4. One grant of $50.00 per child per school year.***

Parents verification of income - e.g. pay stubs, Social Security award letter, AFDC, Veterans Administration, child support and general assistance.

Size of Family and Income Guidelines	Yearly	Monthly
2	**$11,595**	**$966.25**
3	**$14,535**	**$1,211.25**
4	**$17,475**	**$1,456.25**
5	**$20, 415**	**$1,701.25**
6	**$23,355**	**$1,946.25**

For each additional household member add **$2,940.**
APPLICATION WILL NOT BE TAKEN AT THE CREEK NATION COMPLEX

Applications will be taken at the following locations:
Date and Time

Monday, Dec. 12, 1988 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Tulsa District - Native American Coalition Building, 1740 W. 41st St., Tulsa ·
Wagoner District - Coweta Indian Community Center, Coweta

Monday, Dec. 12, 1988, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Creek District - Kellyville Indian Community Center, Silver Dollar Ballroom, Highway 66, Kellyville
Muskogee District - Muskogee Indian Community Center, 111 S. Virginia, Muskogee

Tuesday, Dec. 13, 1988, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Hughes District - Holdenville Indian Community Center, Holdenville
McIntosh District - Eufaula Indian Community Center, Eufaula

Tuesday, Dec. 13, 1988, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Okfuskee District - Okemah Indian Community Center, Okemah
Okmulgee District - Okmulgee Indian Community Center, Okmulgee

For those enrolled Creek school children living outside the Creek Nation boundary, parents/guardians should write a note to the Social Services Department authorizing staff to process their application ***(see the above eligibility requirements to submit with your application).***

Opinion Issued for Override....

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The Court consolidated case number CV. 88-07, General Counsel, Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Plaintiff, v. National Council, Muscogee (Creek) Nation and Office of the Principal Chief, Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Defendant, since the Petition was for Declaratory Relief embracing the same issues as Representative Burden's Mandamus action even though the Court had some concerns about the standing of petitioner.

Opinion

The first and foremost question before the Court involves whether or not this Court has the requisite jurisdiction of the subject matter involved and jurisdiction of the parties to the suit in order for the Court to render a judgement.

This Court should be ever hesitant to interfere in the operations of the Executive and Legislative Branches. In certain situations, the Judiciary has the power to intrude on legislative and executive process but the exercise of this authority must be marked by respectful constraint recognizing the status of the Principal Chief and National Council as the other two (2) branches of our Constitutional Government.

The wisdom for legislative enactment is a matter to be determined by the National Council and not the Courts and by the same token, the exercise of Executive Veto by the Principal Chief is alone the decision of the individual who has been elected to that office.

Judicial review may be undertaken to determine if the National Council and the Principal Chief have complied with the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Constitution.

It is therefore the opinion of the Court that the District Court of the Muscogee (Creek) does have jurisdiction over the subject matter involved in this suit and jurisdiction to render judgement.

The Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation divides the government into three (3) separate branches, Executive, Legislative, and Judicial and except as provided for in the Constitution, these three (3) departments are separate and distinct and neither shall exercise the powers properly belonging to either of the others.

There is no dispute regarding the procedures followed by the National Council in passing NCA 88-47 or with the Chief's subsequent VETO, the dispute involves the number of the National Council members required to vote Aye in order to OVERRIDE a VETO'd bill, when said bill is reconsidered in accordance with Article VI, Section 6, Clause (a):

> *Every bill which shall have passed the Muscogee (Creek) National Council, before it becomes ordinance, shall be presented to the Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. If he approves, he shall sign it; but, if not, he shall return it with his objections to the Muscogee (Creek) National Council, who shall enter the objections at large on their journal and proceed to reconsider it. If, after such reconsiderations, two-thirds (2/3) of the full membership of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council shall pass the bill, it shall become an ordinance. In such cases, the votes shall be determined by yeas and nays, and the names of the persons voting for and against shall be entered on the journal of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council. If any bill shall not be returned by the Principal Chief within ten (10) days, Sundays and holidays excepted, after it shall have been presented to him the same shall be an ordinance as if he had signed it.*

The language two-thirds- (2/3) "Full Membership" only appears in relation to the super majority required to override a Principal Chief Veto, it does not mean two-thirds (2/3) of the quorum, or two-thirds (2/3) of the National Council as contained in Article VI, Section 2, Clause 4 (b).

It is therefore the opinion of this Court that full membership of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council will be the total number of representative seats based upon the number of district citizens, which in this case is twenty-six (26) as also reflected by certification attached to NCA 88-47.

The primary reason for executive veto power being conferred upon the Principal Chief by the Constitution was to give the Principal Chief a defensive weapon against legislative intrusion on the powers of the Office of the Principal Chief. The secondary reason for conferring the veto power to the Principal Chief is a check against ill-advised legislation and in this connection the Principal Chief may exercise veto power to further executive policy views.

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Constitution empowers the National Council to determine its rules and proceedings, but its rules cannot ignore Constitutional restraints.

The written Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation is the highest expression of the sovereign will of the people. The very life and spirit of the government centers around this written Constitution. It is the deliberate and affirmative utterance of the sovereign majority.

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Constitution is the written will of the people and assigns to the different departments of government their respective powers. The Constitution limits and controls the actions of the Executive, Legislative and Judicial departments by restricting and limiting their activities and power.

The grants of power to all branches of government by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Constitution must be ***strictly construed*** against the power.

The Principal Chief is acting in a legislative capacity when he is approving bills, but he is not a constituent part of the National Council.

The concurrence of the Principal Chief in the enactment of bills satisfies the Constitutional requirement that legislation meet the approval of the Executive and Legislative branch of government and in the case of a veto, a super majority of two-thirds (2/3) the full membership of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council is required before the bill shall become an ordinance.

The membership or number of representative seats to be filled in the Muscogee (Creek) National Council is set out in the Muscogee (Creek) Constitution Article VI, Section 2 and by Court Order in Case No. CV.87-05:

Alexander Thomas, Frank Kamp, Mickey Primeaux, Sandy McIntosh, Kenneth Childers vs. Creek Nation Election Board and All Election Board Members, As Individuals, Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief,
issued on September 22, 1987, the number of representative seats may fluctuate from election period to election period, based upon the number of district citizens, but, the number of representative seats will not fluctuate during the two (2) year term of office.

The recertification ordered in *Alexander Thomas, et all (sic) v. Creek Nation Election Board, et al* CV. 87-05, Supra resulted in the Muscogee (Creek) National Council having twenty-six (26) representative seats during this legislative term.

The certification by the recording secretary, National Council, Muscogee (Creek) Nation states in part:

> *"I, --, certify that the foregoing is a true extract from the minutes of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council, comprised of twenty-six members --"*

The Muscogee (Creek) National Council on September 24, 1988 reconsidered NCA 88-47 with seventeen (17) members voting in favor of overriding the Principal Chief's Veto.

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Season's Greetings from Chief Cox...

During this time of the year when another Holiday season is upon us, I want to take the opportunity to extend best wishes. This is the time of the year that many people look forward to being with family, a time for giving and a time we should remember the real meaning of Christmas. This is a special time of the year when our thoughts turn gratefully to those who have made our progress possible. And in this spirit we say, simply but sincerely, THANK YOU AND BEST WISHES FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!.

Sincerely,

Claude Cox

Principal Chief

COMMUNITY NEWS

Hanna 1980
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The Hanna Indian Community *elected officers recently and four of them were pictured at the Thanksgiving dinner sponsored by the community held at the Hanna High School Cafeteria. From left to right are: Kizzie Harjo, treasurer; Becky Littlehead, secretary; Barbara Fogle, president and Dewey Tolbert, vice president. Not pictured is Foster Smith, sargeant-at-arms.*

-photo by Elliot Barnett

Rick Rowe's Annual Toy Giveaway Set for Dec. 6

The annual Rick Rowe Christmas Toy giveaway will begin Tuesday, Dec. 6, at the former tribal store building located across from the Complex in the Muscogee Nation Elderly Housing Complex. Toys may be picked up from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Russ Berrie Company provides for the toy drive through Rick Rowe. For more information concerning pickup dates and the toy drive contact Bernice Hale or Fredo Anderson at the Creek Nation Tribal Complex, 756-8700.

-Methodist Senior Citizens Revivals Set-

The Senior Citizens of the United Methodist Church will host three revivals at area churches. On December 22-23, services will be held at Thopthlocco. On December 28th, services will be held at Honey Creek. On December 29, services will be held at Concharty. All services will begin at 7:00 p.m.

January MNN Deadline-

The deadline for the January issue of the Muscogee Nation News is *December 16.*

Eufaula Indian Community Opens Elderly Nutrition Site-

ON HAND FOR THE OPENING OF THE EUFAULA INDIAN COMMUNITY'S *Elderly Nutrition Center were National Council members, church leaders, community officers, tribal administrators and the Eufaula Head Start class. Pictured here back row from left to right: Sandy McIntosh, McIntosh District Representative; Thomas Newton, McIntosh Dist. Rep.; Steve Wilson, Elderly Nutrition program coordinator and Tom Pickering, Eufaula Community President. Front row from left to right: Rev. Dan Phillips, pastor Little Koweta; Jonas Dunson, Hughes Dist. Rep.; Vickie Carpenter, Community Services Director and Frank Kamp, Second Speaker Nation Council McIntosh District.*

New Nutrition Site Formally Opened on November 7——

-Photos by Jim Wolfe

JIMMIE JONES, CREEK NATION *Food Service Supervisor, stirs things up at the opening of the Eufaula Indian Community Elderly Nutrition Center in November. Jones, in his eighth year at the CN, announced that the Eufaula Center is the sixth center to serve meals to the elders. Clem Lewis is Eufaula's head cook aided by Mona Phillips.*

CN Legislative Overview

by Jim Wolfe

The Muscogee (Creek) National Council conducted business on three separate occasions during November. A Special Session to discuss Quarterly Reports and pass urgent bills was held Nov. 5. Another Special Session for immediate action was called at the Council's Planning Session Nov. 10. The Regular Session was held Nov. 19.

Swearing in ceremonies for the new Okfuskee District Representative Bill Fife was the first order of business at the Nov. 5 Special Session. Fife, who has long been active in tribal affairs and politics, will complete the term vacated by Carney Roberts. Fife won an Oct. 29 Special Election.

in his acceptance speech, Fife pledged his commitment to serve the Okfuskee District and said "I am concerned about the welfare of Creek citizens."

Fife said he was concerned about the quality of health care delivered to tribal citizens and expressed "hope" for a working relationship with the tribal administration to improve conditions at the Creek Nation Community Hospital.

Fife also said the tribal government "can stimulate economic development in the Creek Nation.

"We need jobs. Many people are out of work."

Fife also cited the need for improved communications between the tribal government and the Creek citizens. Fife stressed the need for an objective tribal newspaper free from bias and committed to delivering information to the people.

"All Creek citizens get the paper," said Fife. "We need to utilize the Creek Newspaper."

Following his remarks, the Council recessed for five minutes for Fife to be greeted by family members, friends and other Council members. Fife will serve on the Human Development Committee.

Reconsideration of NCA 88-73, vetoed by Principal Chief Claude Cox, was postponed on a motion by Okmulgee District Representative Leah Stacy. With only 19 members present, the motion to postpone carried with no objections.

A bill that would establish a facility use agreement between the tribe and the Eufaula Indian Community for its economic development was approved by the Council but not after several attempts to amend and a motion to postpone the bill were considered.

Creek District Representative Ed Frye, moved to delete language in the bill that would have placed economic enterprises in the Bristow and Checotah communities under the ordinance. After discussion about the split of revenues between the tribe and communities, Frye's motion was approved and Section 103 (o) was eliminated from the bill.

Second Speaker Frank Kamp made a motion to delete smokeshops from the bill but then withdrew his amendment. Okmulgee District Representative Harvey Gilroy's motion to return the bill to committee was rejected. The bill was approved by the Council and Chief Claude Cox signed the measure into law.

A bill authorizing bingo revenues for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program to assist tribal citizens age 60 and over was also approved by the Council. A similiar federal program is in place but the number of households receiving benefits is limited. The tribal program began taking applications for the program the second week in December.

A bill that establishes the Administrative Procedures Act received unanimous approval by the Council and subsequently signed by Chief Cox. The bill defines tribal public meetings as all meetings of a legislative body, administrative body, Board, Commission or any other organization that is supported by any tribal monies or has authorization to spend tribal funds are open to Creek citizens.

Exceptions are Executive Sessions, Judicial bodies, juries, hospital medical staff and any committee or governing body of a hospital holding a meeting to act upon professional quality matters, privileges or discipline.

Acting as a Committee of the Whole, the Council placed a report from the Investigative and Fact Finding Committee on the agenda along with a resolution. The report concluded that the sale of surplus tribal property in July, 1988 was in violation of NCA 83-17. The Committee said that the National Council did not approve the sale of surplus items and the resolution calls for the Council to file criminal charges in Tribal District Court against all offices and employees involved in the sale of the property in question. After approving the resolution's placement on the agenda, the Council approved the adoption of the resolution by a 16-2 vote.

After discussing quarterly reports with Community Services Director Vickie Carpenter, Human Development director Emmanuel Morgan, Tax and Gaming Commissioner Bill Foster and the Chief, the Council adjourned.

November 10 Special Session

After completing its regular monthly planning session, several Council members called for a Special Session to consider three items.

Heading the agenda was an amendment of the Youth Council Proposal from Community Proposal from Community Services that would authorize an extension for a three year program instead of the original 17 months in the original proposal. If the proposal is approved it could mean a larger grant of federal money to implement the program.

An amendment to NCA 86-21, a bill that authorizes the Principal Chief to contract attorney Greg Bledsoe was approved by the Council. Bledsoe is representing the tribe in its attempt to recover legal costs and attorneys' fees spent in defense of its sovereign status against the State of Oklahoma and the Oklahoma Tax Commission in the now famous "Bingo Trial".

So far, the fee has exceeded the original amount budgeted for Bledsoe by $1,756.25. The amendment will cover that expense and provide additional funds for a total outlay of $6,967.16.

As reported in the June 1988 issue of the ***MNN***, The U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear the State of Oklahoma's appeal of a U.S. District Court decision that said the tribe's interests were above the state's interests. Though the Creek Nation won, the cost to the tribe was great. Because of the Court's vindication of the tribe, the Creek Nation is seeking to recover costs involved in that case.

The Council also approved a contract with the Oklahoma Indian Legal Services, Inc., to prepare briefs and consult with a Washington D.C. law firm before presenting arguments before the U.S. Supreme Court. The tribe will again have to clash with the U.S. Department of the Interior for the right to have a tribal judicial system with a criminal code, civil code and jurisdiction for both.

The case, known as the Muscogee Nation vs Hodel, the Secretary of Interior, was heard by a Washington Appeals Court. The three member court ruled in favor of the tribe against Hodel.

The Interior Department asked and received an extension to prepare their arguments for a Supreme Court appeal.

The Council approved a total of $47,000 from tax revenues account for the purpose of fighting the appeal.

November Regular Session

A short agenda was waiting for the Council at its Nov. 19 Regular Session. Preceding the business portion of the meeting was a recognition of Mrs. Kittye McIntosh Stafford, a longtime educator and advocate of Indian youth.

A resolution presented to the Council by the Haskell Indian College Alumni Association, represented by the Association's president and Muscogee citizen Joyce Bear, was endorsed by the Council. The resolution calls for the resignation of Haskell president Gerald Gipp, and other Haskell officials, for alleged violations of federal policies, nepotism and unethical behavior.

The Council approved tribal funds for the Creek Nation Head Start program for Fiscal Year 1989. A total of $45,990 was authorized and programmed for teacher aids and operating expenses.

A bill establishing policies and procedures for the National Council's staff was also approved. The bill calls for three full time staff positions to be filled at the discretion and with the approval of the National Council.

A bill introduced by Muskogee District Representative Helen Chupco amends NCA 88-41, concerning the federal programs budgets. Funds are now available from the U.S. Department of Interior, Office of Indian Highway Safety, to support highway and traffic safety projects within the Creek Nation.

A bill that would give the Yardeka Indian Community a permanent meeting place was approved and sent to the Chief's office for his consideration. If signed, the bill would grant the McIntosh District Community $70,000 for the construction of the building and start up costs.

The bill, introduced by McIntosh District Representative Thomas Newton, also contained the Constitution of the community. Yardeka has been chartered with the Creek Nation since January, 1986.

Russell Thompson is chairman. George Thompson is vice

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W.E. "DODE" MCINTOSH, FORMER CREEK CHIEF *presents kinswoman, and outstanding educator Kittye McIntosh Stafford, with the McIntosh County Historical Society's Service Award at the organization's Distinguished Citizen Banquet held recently.*

Creek Educator Honored at McIntosh County Historical Society's Banquet

Reprinted from the *Lake Eufaula World*

by Twyla Bullock

A woman who has been referred to as "always part of the answer but, never part of the problem" was honored, Nov. 1, at the McIntosh County Historical Society's Distinguished Citizen Banquet.

Kittye McIntosh Stafford, of Eufaula, was remembered by 200 friends and members of her family at the annual banquet held at Fountainhead Resort Hotel. Among those friends were Harley Little, liaison officer retired from the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C.; The Honorable Ed Edmondson, United States House of Representatives 1953-1973 and Scott Graham, Chairman of the Board, First National Bank, Broken Arrow.

Little, while reminiscing, asked "what can you say about a wonderful lady?" "A woman who is always a part of the answer and never part of the problem. Kittye believed there was always an answer to every problem," he said.

Little worked with Stafford while both were affiliated with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Stafford served 43 years teaching and counseling Indian children and served the last seven years as principal of the Eufaula Dormitory from 1963-1970.

"I believe there are hundreds of Indian children out there who could call you a second mother," he stated.

Edmondson, in his address, said "people like Kittye gave Indian children a second home; an opportunity to learn about the Indian ways and responsibility and the social graces."

Edmondson also referred to Stafford's leadership abilities and noted it came to her "in the blood" as she is the granddaughter of Chief Roley McIntosh.

Edmondson praised Stafford for her wide interests and her support of the community.

"We salute you," he said. "We're proud of you. Keep going," he added.

Graham, son of Sue Ann Saltsman Graham, gave a tribute to his mother's lifetime freind and offered some insight on Stafford's interests and life growing up. He noted she is an avid sports fan and OU fan, although she graduated from OSU. He also revealed it was Stafford's mother who strongly encouraged her to take a civil service exam. Stafford did and began her teaching career with a teaching certificate. Since then, she has taught and counselled in 11 schools.

"She has spent 43 years loving and encouraging Indian youth," he said, adding that "Kittye feels she is the one who has benefited."

Stafford was presented several citations and awards during the evening including an appreciation plaque and key to the city of Eufaula by Mayor Joe Johnson; an appreciation plaque from Checotah Mayor Omer Ledbetter, presented by Josephine Spivey of Checotah; an award from the Eufaula Business and Professional Woman's organization, in addition to the Historical Society's Service Award presented by W.E. "Dode" McIntosh, Principal Chief of the Creek Nation 1961-71 and a relative of Stafford.

Stafford also was given a hug and kiss from former student Kay Farrow, representing all former students and an award from the Eufaula Main Street Program by Les Hall.

Many family members attended the banquet, including Russell and Barbara Jacobs who flew in from their Los Angeles, California home to be with Stafford.

Creeks Honored at the Congressional Cemetery Ceremony in Washington-

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Representatives of various Indian tribes from across the country gathered at the Congressional Cemetery recently to honor their tribal members who are buried there.

12 tribes sent representatives to the event as tribal songs were sung and prayers in their native tongue were given. The event began with a very moving procession as representatives carrying their tribal flag entered the cemetery with the Washington, D.C. chapter of the Vietnam Era Veterans leading the procession.

After the colors were posted, representatives from the Cherokee Nation and Creek Nation were asked to speak. Wilma Mankiller, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, and George Tiger, Liaison to Muscogee Principal Chief Claude Cox and Second Chief Perry Beaver.

In his remarks Tiger stated the struggles that must have confronted his forefathers who are buried in the cemetery, are symbolic of the challenges facing the Creek Nation today.

"It is because of the efforts of our forefathers such as Daniel S. Asbury and Efar Emarthlar that allows our generation to stand before you and talk of the great accomplishments because they are the ones that have set the foundation," added Tiger.

Upon concluding his remarks, Tiger sung a verse of the Creek hymn "The Appointed Land". Later, as he placed a headstone on Daniel Asbury's grave, he offered a short prayer in the Muscogee language.

Creek tribal members that work and live in the Washington, D.C. area, attended the event that was called a "Celebration of Native American Life."

STAFFORD...

Longtime friend Marshall Foley gave a few remarks and Charley Colbert, from Tuskegee Indian Baptist Church, where Stafford is a dedicated member, gave the benediction.

Ruth James, of Bacone College, joined by Norman Stauffer, Connors State College, provided entertainment earlier in the evening with several of Stafford's favorite tunes, including *Oklahoma!*, which drew the whole crowd to their feet clapping and singing.

In closing, Stafford said she appreciated all the kind words and stated that she had the "privilege to work" as a teacher, counselor and administrator.

"I'm proud of all the students I had," she concluded.

OPINION....

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The Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation must be strictly construed and interpreted and where the Constitution speaks in plain language with reference to a particular matter, the Court must not place a different meaning on the words.

The language two-thirds- (2/3) "Full Membership" only appears in relation to the super majority required to override a Principal Chief Veto, it does not mean two-thirds (26) as also reflected by the certification attached to NCA 88-47.

Seventeen (17) votes were cast in favor of the override, the Constitution requires two-thirds (2/3) full membership, and seventeen (17) is not two-thirds (2/3) of twenty-six (26).

My conclusion is that upon reconsideration of the bill in question after VETO, the Muscogee (Creek) National Council simply did not pass the bill by the two-thirds (2/3) vote required by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Constitution.

Exceptions to this ruling are granted to all parties.

Dated this 17 November, 1988.
Honorable Patrick E. Moore
District Court Judge

Legislative Overview....

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chairman and Janet Taylor is the community's secretary-treasurer. Emma Jacobs, Eunice Hill, Lewis Taylor and Wilson King are members of the Board of Directors.

Okfuskee District Representative Bill Burden introduced legislation that will provide a one time grant of $50 per school child to qualified families for clothing. ***(see page 2 of this issue for further details and eligibility requirements).*** The bill was approved and the program will begin taking applications at designated community centers the week of Dec. 12.

Because of the Christmas and New Year holidays, the Council will have its monthly planning session on Dec. 8 with its regular monthly legislative session held on Dec. 17 at 9:00 a.m. in the Mound Building Auditorium at the Tribal Complex in Okmulgee.

Creek Graduates from US Marine Corp-

Randy Walz, Jr. graduated from the U.S. Marine Corps at Parris Island, South Carolina. He is now in training at Military Police School in Texas. He graduated from Westfield High School, Westfield, MA in June. He is the son of Randy and Barbara Walz.

DONNA RHODES, CENTER, CHAIRMAN OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE *of the 1988 National Indian Education Association's 20th Annual Constitution Conference, held November 13-17 in Tulsa, is shown receiving an award and congratulations from Stuart Tonemah, NIEA Board of Directors, for her Committee's efforts in making the Tulsa Conference one of the most successful in NIEA history. Donna, also a Muscogee citizen and member of the Creek National Council for the Tulsa District, was honored at the Annual Awards Banquet held during the Conference. Next year's NIEA Conference will be held in Anchorage, Alaska.*

-photo by Gary Robinson

Report From the National Council Fact Finding Committee

-CN National Council article submitted by Rita Williams to the Muscogee Nation News

The National Council of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation amended their rules of procedure to include the "Investigative and Fact Finding Committee" on May 12, 1988. The members of the National Council who have been appointed to this committee are: Frank Kamp, chairman; Barton Williams, vice chairman; Sandy McIntosh; Helen Chupco; Mickey Primeaux; Leah Stacy; Larry Bible and Clarence Cloud.

The jurisdiction for this committee shall be to investigate any irregularities that may exist in any branch of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Government. This committee shall have, with the approval of the Speaker, subpoena authority over all citizens and employees of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and over all records pertaining to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and shall have the authority to utilize the services of Legal Counsel.

Second Speaker Frank Kamp, McIntosh District representative, introduced legislation and expressed the need to create the Fact Finding and Investigative Committee. "In the past, several members were receiving complaints and allegations from Creek citizens. Due to the lack of follow-up or no response from the administration the consensus of the Council was to form an additional committee to review and provide findings as requested."

Shortly after the formation of the Investigative Committee a letter was sent to the administration requesting information on the Indian Country Case **CV 87-03**, Satellite Bingo-Creek Nation Facilities, G.S.A.-Fuel Depot, Creek Nation Tribal Store and equipment from the Muskogee Indian Community Center. After several repeated efforts to obtain this information, Frank Kamp filed on August 24, 1988 in behalf of the Investigative Committee, and asked the Court for a writ of mandamus compelling the Chief of the Principal Chief to comply with Article VI, section 7 of the Constitution of the Creek Nation.

Chairman Kamp stated "that a hearing was set September 12, 1988. The Principal Chief agreed to supply this information within ten days. As of November 10, 1988, no information has been supplied. The next step will be to make a request to the Speaker to file a motion that the Principal Chief comply with the writ of mandamus filed in court August 24."

On October 10, Speaker of the House Kenneth Childers, assigned another case to the committee requesting information on "Sales of Surplus Property". The Committee had determined NCA 83-17 Ordinance providing procedures for the disposal of surplus tribal property had been violated at Section 102 which reads: All tribal personal property, whether supplies, equipment, farm animals, or other chattels, prior to its diposal or sale, shall be certified by the Program Supervisor and Governing Body to be surplus to the needs of the program the property is assigned to. The certification shall be initiated by the program supervisor, and shall be approved by the Manager of General Services Administration, the Executive Director, and that all property must be declared by the Principal Chief to be surplus to the needs of the tribe.

Investigative Committee Chairman states that, "The National Council has never certified any tribal property to be surplus and any property that has been sold as surplus has been in violation of this Ordinance. Our recommendation to the Speaker is to file charges against anybody who has sold property as surplus."

The desire of the National Council is to pass legislation that will insure the continuity of the Creek Nation and inform our citizens on important issues taking place internally that will affect the future of the Creek Nation.

The role of a Council member calls for dedication and commitment to our people. Some representatives spend hours away from family and many days a week at the Creek Nation

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JIM BURGESS, SHAWNEE, SECRETARY *of the Mvskoke Nation Chapter of the Vietnam Era Veterans Intertribal Association, carrys the flag in the Tribal Leaders Processional at Opening Ceremonies of the NIEA'88 20th Annual Conference held in Tulsa at the Civic Center last month. Burgess, Seminole, was one of the founding members of the Mvskoke VEV.*

-photo by Gary Robinson

Happy

HOLIDAYS

...from the staff of the Muscogee Nation News!

All-Star Color Guard Selects Creek HHS Students

Tracy Berryhill

Julie Saunders

Tracy Berryhill and Julie Saunders, both Henryetta High School Students, were chosen to perform with the 1988 All-Star Color Guard, hosted by the University of Tulsa and the Sound of the Golden Hurricane band. The pair were selected along with 100 other color guard members from across Oklahoma. The 1988 All-Star Color Guard performed at halftime of the Tulsa University vs Temple NCAA football game at Skelly Stadium in Tulsa. Both girls are members of the Henryetta High School band that will travel to Canyon City, Colorado.

Berryhill is the daughter of Cathy White and Larry Berryhill. Saunders is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Toby Davis.

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Saunders has also been notified by The National Library of Poetry that her poem "Mystery", reflects "superior talent" and will be included in the hardbound published collection *"Days of Future's Past"* to be printed next year. Saunders's poem also earned her a spot in the 1989 North American Open Poetry Competition as a semi-finalist.

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Complex in the service for the people. Decisions for the direction and survival of the Creek Nation lay heavily upon these elected officials.

Speaker of the House, Kenneth Childers, Tulsa District representative, spoke of the lawmaking aspects of the National Council and other duties of an Indian government entity. He also spoke of accountability and how the National Council has made a concerted effort to implement accountability concerning monies appropriated by the National Council.

"For example," Childers stated. "In the past, the Creek Nation Festival Committee has never accounted for festival funds appropriated by the National Council. This year the Council took a stand. A bill was passed by the National Council which stated that monies appropriated by the National Council would be accounted for by the festival committee 60 days after the festival. Also, the festival committee members appointed by the Principal Chief would be confirmed by the National Council.

"We approved four of the Chief's nominees and the committee did account for the $46,000 appropriated for 1988."

The Speaker of the Council added that a better working relationship could be achieved if the Principal Chief would comply with ordinances that have been passed and give the National Council information when requested. This working relationship would save court cases in the future with more time spent for the betterment of the Creek people."

The Speaker added that during the recent election campaign a Congressional person told him the Creek Nation had "fallen behind" other tribes nationally and hoped that the National Council could come forward to make the tribe "more progressive."

4-H Club President Title goes to Creek-

Janita Screechowl

Janita Screechowl has been elected president of the Sapulpa 4-H Club for 1988-89. In her sixth year in the 4-H program, Janita has accomplished many achievements and awards. Her postmark collection placed first at the 1988 Creek County Fair, placed first at the 1988 Tulsa State Fair and eighth place at the 1988 National Postmark Fair. Her photo entry placed second in the National Photo Exhibit category. She also participated in the Tulsa State Fair Fashion Show.

Janita is a member of the award winning Sapulpa High School Band. As a member of the flag corps and a flutist, she participated in the halftime show at the Kansas University-Nebraska University football game.

The 16 year old daughter of Ed and Janice Screechowl, Janita has also been selected to the *Who's Who Among American High School Students.*

Gospel Lights Win Singing Competition

After winning the E.L. Brumley gospel singing competition in Springdale, Arkansas, the all Indian group the Gospel Lights, were the top performers at the Meramac Caverns gospel singers' contest in Stanton, Missouri.

42 groups participated performing one song for a panel of judges. The GLs performed "There Has Never Been" in a cavern theater. The group won one hundred dollars, a trophy in the shape of the state of Missouri and ten hours of recording time. Other groups participating included the Lesters, the Kingsmen, Wendy Bagwell and the Hardcastles.

Members of the group are: Darrel "Spook" Wesley, Creek, lead singer and pianist; Laura (Burgess) Wesley, Creek, alto singer; Franklin "Herbie" Billy, Creek, lead singer and alto; Lavinda (Johnson) Billy, Cherokee, is lead singer; Thomas Billy, Creek, bass singer; Famous Marshall, Creek, drummer and sound technician; new member Jim Gamblin, bass guitarist. Lena Marshall, Creek, manager and travel coordinator.

According to the group's news release, "Our primary purpose in gospel singing is to tell of the Lord Jesus Christ, what he has done in our lives and what he can do for you.

"We are very aware of the opportunities that the Lord is starting to bless us with and would request that all friends and relatives would continue to pray that the Lord will give us the strength and courage to fulfill our commitments and that we will always, keep sight of his will in our ministry."

Birth Announcements-

Victoria Monique del Angel

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Victoria Monique del Angel was born to Jose and Sarah (Wilson) del Angel of Garland, Texas on Nov. 8 at 8:58 p.m. at the Garland Memorial Hospital. The baby weighed seven pounds and 11 and one quarter ounces.

Paternal grandparents are Eustacio and Edelmira del Angel of Sullivan City, Texas. Maternal grandparents are Jimmie Wilson of Mounds and Susan Skeeter of Garland, Texas. Great-grandparents are Jimmie and Sadie Skeeter of Duck Creek, Nicey Wilson and the late Salmon Wilson of Haskell. Great great-grandmothers Emma Tecumseh of Okmulgee and the late Locha Green.

Cruz Lee Hill

Cruz Lee Hill was born Oct. 24 weighing 11 pounds, three and a half ounces and was 23 inches long to Toby and Tracey Hill. He has one older sister, LaResha LaNell, age four. His paternal grandparents are Tony E. Hill of Okemah and the late Irene Simmers Hill. Maternal grandparents are Pete Johnson of Lamar and Esther Collins of Oklahoma City. Great grandfather is Johnson J. Harjo of Okemah.

Edmund J. Bissonnette

George J. Bissonnette, Jr. and his wife, Joan D. Gelenas Bissonnette announce the birth of their third child, Edmund Joseph. Maternal grandparents are Joan Gelenas and the late Edmund Galenas of Chicapee, Massachusetts. Paternal grandparents are George and Anne Bissonnette of Southampton, MA. Paternal great-grandparents are the late Martin J. and Mary J. McAlpene of Sapulpa.

Wedding Anniversary-

George J. and Anne J. (McAlpine) Bissonnette, of Southampton, Mass. celebrated their 41st wedding Anniversary on Sept. 13, 1988.

WOODROW HANEY, RIGHT, NOTED CREEK LECTURER, MUSICIAN AND CRAFTSMAN, *is shown being interviewed by George Tiger, Liaison to the Creek Principal and Second Chief's office, for Tiger's public affairs show, "Inside Native America," a program of Channel 6-KOTV, in Tulsa. Woodrow, who was the 1987 "Oklahoma Indian Elder of The Year". discussed the epidemic of Indian youth involvement with alcohol and drug abuse. Tiger taped the interview during the NIEA '88 Conference in Tulsa.*

-photo by Elliot Barnett

Teen Suicide in Indian Country-

NIEA '88 Workshops Focus on Problems Confronting Native American Youth

by Kathryn Bell

The National Indian Education Association's 20th Annual Conference, held in Tulsa last month, had a schedule of excellent workshops that corresponded to theme of this year's Constitution Conference- "Indian Youth: Learners Today...Leaders Tomorrow."

Workshops were held throughout the five-day conference that addressed various aspects of the major problems of Indian youth today- alcohol and drug abuse, teen pregnancy, illiteracy and teen suicide.

One such workshop, "Native American Youth Suicide: A Look at the Issue, addressed the alarming rate of teen suicide in some areas of Indian Country. The workshop was conducted by Steve Pavlik, the assistant principal and instructor of American Indian Studies at a Chinle, Arizona high school. Pavlik said that his involvement began with the suicides of several Navajo youth at his high school- "I wasn't prepared for the aftermath of those suicides and the investigation that followed, particularly when a week later, a dozen or so kids came into my office, crying and telling me that they had thought of suicide or were going to kill themselves."

Following Pavlik's search for more information on the subject of suicide and Indian youth, he helped organize a youth leadership conference at which the Indian youth voted in a ten to one ratio- that suicide would be their main panel discussion. "Suicide was obviously on the mind of a lot of kids," he said.

Sharing the statistics and characteristics of a Indian teen suicide profile, Pavlik first pointed out that one of the major problems areas in spotting potential teen suicide, lay in the fact that although the mental health field workers knew all about suicide- educators didn't- "and this is where the information and awareness is needed, in the schools where we have the kids from 8-10 hours a day."

The general overview of Indian suicide includes: of all ethnic/racial groups, American Indians have the highest rate of suicide, Indian youth kill themselves two-three times more than any other ethnic group. In contrast, for the general population of the nation, since the 1950's, youth suicide has tripled, it is the Number Two leading cause of death for youth, and there are 5,000-6,500 suicides every year in the nation- one third of these are between the ages of 10-18. In addition, general population national statistics showed that seven children, between the ages of 5-9 years old, killed themselves this year, indicating the national age of suicides is getting younger, but among Indians this trend is not true due to the fact that the Indian population is a much younger one.

Another factor in Indian suicides is that there is a great amount of variation between geographical and tribal cultural areas in the nation- "statistics show

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that there is a high rate of suicide among the Shoshone-Bannock, Apaches, Northern Cheyennes- the Plains Tribes and Southwest Region tribes have high regional suicides, while the Northwest and California tribes have a lower suicide rate," Pavlik said.

In the profile of an Indian suicide, certain characteristics appear, such as most suicides occur under the age of twenty and documented cases show contributing factors to an individual suicide include that person having long-term depression brought on by a number of contributing factors.

Other reasons for Indian suicide are; social disorganziation (decline of the Indian family), socio-economic conditions in Indian country, very little verbal communication with family members and low self-esteem- "a lot of Indian kids don't have a purpose during their adolescent years- in times past, these years were when one assumed the family and ceremonial roles of the tribe- but with the breakup of Indian families and decline of

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Report on Creek Nation Youth Council

By Dean Tiger, CN Youth Council Specialist

On Nov. 10, after five different drafts and a lot of changes in the wording, the youth proposal was mailed off to Washington, D.C. During the finalization of the youth proposal one important change that was made gives us an opportunity to extend this youth project into a three year program instead of the initial 17 month projection.

A priority area had to be pinpointed to maximize our goals goals and objectives set forth in the youth proposal. The priority selected is 23, "Resolving Alcohol and Substance Abuse within Native American Communities". In submitting this proposal under this priority area we are eligible for an additional $10,000 for a three year program.

The staff reworked the budget and on Nov. 10, following protocol, the revised budget was submitted back to the Community Services Committee for their approval. The Community Services Committee wholeheartedly passed the revision of the budget and the proposal was sent on to Washington.

During this initial time of laying the foundation for this project, its necessary for the staff of the youth project to get all of the training and information available to meet this challenge.

On Nov. 13-17, I attended the workshops offered at the National Indian Education Association (NIEA) Convention. These workshops dealt with the issues and problems we have targeted in our proposal. At this conference, I had the opportunity to meet with representatives, educators of other tribes who have currently or recently implemented programs similiar to the one we proposed. We exchanged views, goals, objectives and solutions.

I came away with the satisfaction of knowing that our project will be one that the other tribes and organizations will be looking to in the future for their own people.

The entire staff attended a workshop at Norman on the University of Oklahoma campus on Nov. 30 - Dec. 1. This workshop was being conducted by the American Indian Institute. The workshop forum was focused on training, team assesments, skill building, parent involvement, effective communication, program evaluation, conflict resolution planning, action planning process, team action planning, etc. All of these are necessary to the development of a well rounded program.

Initial letters have been mailed to community leaders. If you, as a community leader have not received your letter please contact this office at 756-8700, ext. 300 or at P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447.

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Responses to "Youth 2000"...

Dear MNN,

I read with interest an article on "Youth 2000" in the November 1988 edition of the Muscogee Nation News. Since I am the Youth Director at the Dallas Indian United Methodist Church, I would like more information on this particular project. We have currently fifteen active youth participants in our program. We would appreciate your consideration of our request and your material will be fully utilized.

Youth Director,
Dallas Indian United
Methodist Church

Dear MNN,

In the November issue of the MNN, we were pleased to find out about the YOUTH 2000 PSA's and the videotape "Tokon'he/Crooked Sticks." We would like to have copies for our treatment facility. We feel that they would be useful in reaching our clients who are Native American and in many cases, still teenagers.

Kathleen Wahpepah Hunter,
Counselor, Indian Action
Center, Shawnee, OK

Haskell Alumni Seeks Changes....

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conflict of interest levied against the four.

Some of the allegations are:

-Geboe, Goombi and Gipp, caused a failing grade of Gipp's daughter Denise, to be changed allowing Miss Gipp to graduate;

-that Allen and Goombi hired Miss Gipp as an employee of the admissions and records department where her failed class provided training for her specific job assignment;

-that the four created an incentive award for Miss Gipp after being employed by the college for a short period of time;

-caused adverse public opinion toward Haskell resulting from mass media coverage and reporting of the grade change for Miss Gipp;

-that Allen hired her own son, placed him under the supervision of her husband and the son's stepfather;

-that Allen received a $1,000 incentive bonus related to the hiring of Miss Gipp;

-direct participation of political activities by Gipp in violation of federal law and

-caused tremendous morale problems for both the staff and students at Haskell.

According to Bear, the resolution was approved unanimously by the Oklahoma chapter. Bear then presented the petition to the Muscogee (Creek) National Council which endorsed the resolution.

The Gipp controversy began when Miss Gipp was a student of Haskell instructor Don Bread. Miss Gipp did not complete the course and Bread was left with no other choice but to give the president's daughter a failing grade. With an "F" grade, Miss Gipp would have been unable to graduate when she did.

It is alleged that Geboe and Goombi approached Bread and asked him to consider changing the grade. Bread refused and took a vacation leave between semesters.

During Bread's time away from the Haskell campus, Miss Gipp's grade was changed to a "D" which is a passing mark. The change enabled Gipp to graduate.

Though Bread filed a grievance with his union, there was no action taken.

Miss Gipp was then hired by Goombi and Allen to work in the admissions and records department at the college. The ***MNN*** has learned that Miss Gipp has been terminated from her position in the admissions and records department and reassigned elsewhere in the administration. It was not learned to which department Miss Gipp has been assigned.

Several attempts were made to contact Allen, Geboe and Goombi before Geboe answered a call on Dec. 1.

Geboe would not confirm or deny any of the allegations and would make no comment regarding the Oklahoma Haskell Alumni resolution.

Geboe did direct all questions to acting Haskell College President Dick Van Peters.

Van Peters has been acting president while Gipp is either on leave or on detail assignment for the BIA in Washington, D.C. Van Peters has been at the helm for one month. Van Peters could not say what the report might reveal or when the report would be released. He, like the others, did not respond to direct questions, but referred all requests for information to Carl Shaw, a public relations officer with the BIA in Washington, D.C.

Shaw returned ***MNN***'s calls on Dec. 2. "All I can say is a report has been made and our education director and personnel people are looking at it."

Shaw declined comment on when the report would be released or what action might be taken.

At stake for Haskell is its accreditation. Arbitary grade changes can cause a school to lose its accreditation. Haskell's programs are currently accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

Haskell was established by the federal government to fulfill in part the treaty and trust obligations of the U.S. Government to American Indians. For years, Haskell has been the only chance for Indians to receive a college education.

Tuition is free and students living in the dormitories pay nothing for meals.

"We're very concerned about the school losing its accreditation," says Bear.

The National Council's support of the resolution contained language that said "Gross mismanagement and unethical practices are detrimental to the education of Indian youth and the Muscogee National Council will not condone such gross negligence of responsibilities by the administration at Haskell Indian Junior College."

While many await the report of the BIA's findings at Haskell, they are wanting definite action immediately so that the college can distance itself from the allegations.

"Whether Gipp actually did everything or not," says Bear. "It was his administration and he had to say 'yes' or 'no'.

Thetath Ann Butler

Creek Girl Achieves-

Thetath Ann Butler is an example of Creek youth achieving goals. She is an outstanding athlete- having started playing basketball in the fourth grade at Red Rock Public Schools. She was the only freshman to play and start on the high school roster. She later transferred to Midwest City Schools.

She is a Junior at Midwest City Schools and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles "Chiefie" Butler and her grandparents are Deloris "Chicken" Factor and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Butler. Thetath has a grade point average 3.57. Her hobbies are playing basketball, softball, swimming, movies, and dancing.

Okmulgee Title IV Indian Ed Pow-Wow

The Okmulgee Title IV Indian Education program is hosting a Pow-Wow on December 10, at the Westside Elementary School in Okmulgee, at 1003 North Okmulgee.

The Redbone Blackfeet Society will perform at 2:00. Supper will be served at 5:30 p.m. followed by Gourd Dancing and Social Dancing.

The Head Staff will include: Master of Ceremonies- Tony Soontay; Okmulgee Title IV Princess- Johnna Townsend; Head Singer- Greg Haumpy; Head Lady Dancer- Tammy Chasenah; Head Man Dancer- Charles Chibitty; Head Boy and Girl Dancers- Okmulgee Title IV Students. Special Guest will be Santa Claus!

All Clubs and organizations are invited to attend. All Princesses are welcome.

Haney Named Trustee Designate of OCU-

OKLAHOMA CITY-Enoch Kelly Haney, State Senator from District 50 (Seminole) and prominent Native American artist, has been nominated for membership on Oklahoma City's University's Board of Trustees, according to OCU President. Jerald Walker. The OCU Board of Trustees is the university's governing body.

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spiritual ceremonial life- they feel they have no purpose or preparation for assuming roles," explained Pavlik.

Pavlik discussed the problem of cultural conflict as being in the forefront of contributing factors for Indian suicide- "Our youth have expressed the need to have unification of the two cultures- the mainstream and their own tribal culture- they feel that there is too much conflict involved in trying to fit into both cultures."

Other contributing factors cited by Pavlik in teen suicide were; no talk or communication between child and parent, self-identity crisis of adolescence and sexual identity crisis, and cultural conflicts. Another factor is revenge- the distorted view of a potential teen suicide in trying to "get back" at someone who has alienated or hurt them.

Other reasons: breakup of girl/boy relationship, loss of parents through divorce or death, high mobility rates, internal/external pressure to achieve unrealistic goals.

"Adolescents commit suicide when they feel overwhelmed, helplessness, hopelessness and that they are powerless- they just don't have the life experiences yet that show them that things change and yes, that things *will* get better. They tend to see life in absolutes," explained Pavlik to the standing room only workshop.

Other statistics on suicide reveal that 70% of all suicide attempts are female, and 70% of suicide completions are male. Indian males tend to take their lives using more violent methods- usually by gun, hanging or jumping off cliffs. Indian girls are in line with the general population, according to Pavlik - they take their lives by drug overdose. "For every 13 attempts, there is one completion and for every reported attempt, there are 50 that go unreported," said Pavlik.

Pavlik sees a great part of the solution to Indian teen suicide in the schools assuming a greater role in addressing the problem through; crisis intervention programs, peer helper programs, utilizing community resources ("teachers should go and try to get some education on the problem through the resources available within the community- they should be familiar with the symptoms pointing to a potential suicide victim," he said.)

"Nobody wants to die, they just want to kill the pain...." concluded Pavlik- "we cannot go on letting these kids kill themselves at the rate they have been- we need to do something."

OBITUARIES

PAULINE MARIE HARJO UNAH

Funeral services for Pauline Marie Harjo Unah, 63, were held Tuesday, Nov. 15 at the Greenleaf Baptist Church with the Rev. Alvin Deere officiating. She died Nov. 11 in a Tulsa Hospital.

Mrs. Unah was born in Weleetka on March 2, 1925. She was the daughter of Roley and Hulda Sands and had been an Okfuskee County resident all her life. Mrs. Unah was married to Rev. C.D. Harjo who preceded her in death on March 16, 1984. She later married Freeland Unah in May, 1988. She was a member of the Buckeye Creek Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Freeland Unah, of her home in Okemah; four sons, Roley Harjo, Wayne Harjo and Stephen Harjo, all of Tulsa; Wilson Harjo, San Diego, California; four daughters, Irene Tiger, Owasso; Ora Day, San Diego, California; Carolyn Powell and Hulda Harjo, both of Tulsa; one nephew; one niece and 15 grandchildren.

Interment was in the Greenleaf Cemetery under the direction of the Parks Brothers Funeral Home.

MARTIN LINDSEY

Martin Lindsey, 76 of Hanna, died November 2 at his home. Lindsey was born September 17, 1912.

Funeral services for Lindsey were held November 7 at the First Baptist Church in Hanna under direction of Buckley Funeral Home, Wetumka.

Lindsey is survived by a nephew, Josie Roberts, Hanna; a niece Mildred King of Marland; and an aunt Adda Castle, Beaumont, Texas.

JOE SULPHUR, SR.

Joe Sulphur, Sr., 67, passed away Oct. 11 at a convalescent home contracted to the Veterans Administration Hospital in Muskogee.

Indian prayer services were held Friday night, Oct. 14. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon, Oct. 15 at Deep Fork Hillabee Church in Checotah.

Specials were rendered by Lucille and Wayne Harjo with Tom Phillips and Bill Welch officiating. Burial was in the veterans addition of Greenwood Cemetery in Eufaula.

Joe was born Dec. 3, 1920 in Eufaula. He served with the U.S. Eighth Air Force in England during World War II.

After the war he worked for American Airlines in Tulsa. He also operated his own business at one time in Checotah.

Pallbearers were Terry Proctor, Charles Redden, James Hooper, Jeff Brady, John E. Scott and Birdcreek (Fus Hvcte) Phillips.

Survivors include his wife Kogee of the home; two sons, Joe Sulphur, Jr., of Kansas City, and Bobby Sulphur of the home; one stepson, Wiley St. Clair of Cherokee, North Carolina; one stepdaughter, Debbie Postoak of Checotah; one brother, Monroe Sulphur of Tulsa; two sisters, Billie Scott of Dallas, Texas and Samarian Harrison of Muskogee; 10 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Special Tape Available-

"IN THE POTTER'S HANDS" is now available. To order: send check or money order to: TAPE- IN THE POTTER'S HANDS, PO Box 31, Eufaula, OK 74432. $8 each plus $1 for postage and handling.

-Note of Appreciation-

The family and survivors of Joseph M. Sulphur, Sr. would like to thank the Creek Nation's Deep Fork Hillabee Church members, all the Christian brothers and sisters, long time friends, relatives and all the young people.

They came in all walks of life to give comforting words; gave us cooperating efforts to console us in our time of grief.

Just your visitation while he was in the hospital or paying your last respects meant a lot of sacrifice and expense. You will all be remembered in our prayers.

(s)**Sulphur Family**

Holiday Office Closings

The Creek Nation Tribal Complex Offices and Elderly Nutrition Centers will be closed Friday, Dec. 23 and Monday, Dec. 26 for the Christmas Holiday. Offices will also be closed Friday, Dec. 30 and Monday, Jan. 2 for the New Year Holiday.

NIEA'88 Award Winners-

Awards were presented to a number of outstanding Indian people at the Awards Banquet of the National Indian Education Association's annual conference held at the Tulsa Civic Center November 13-17.

Those winners include: "Indian Educator of the Year"-Dr. Lionel Bordeax, Rosebud Sioux; "Indian Elder of the Year"- Bessie Denny, Chippewa-Cree of the Rocky Boy Reservation; "Indian Parent of the Year"-Theresa Littleshield, Northern Arapaho; and Andrew Stevens, Southern Cheyenne of Oklahoma, as "Indian Student of the Year."

The recipients of the OCIE scholarships were Donna Lee, Creek, Tulsa University and Tim Long, Choctaw-Creek, of OCU.

Letter from Evangelist Ernest Best. . .

"And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of Thanksgiving and declare his works with rejoicing." Psalms 107:22

At this time of year we pause to count our blessings and thank God for all He has done for us. He has blessed us tremendously this year, as we have seen many come to the Lord. All of our needs have been met; we have had safety in travel and strength for our journey. We praise God for His grace in every situation. The most tremendous blessing of all is as the Lord told his disciples in Luke 10:16b, *"but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven."* Praise His name, we are "safe in the arms of Jesus" forever more.

We began the month of October by finishing out a revival in Sisseton, South Dakota. We then participated in the Wichita City Wide Indian Crusdae, Wichita, Kansas. We had a good time there preaching, counseling and fellowshipping with with old friends.

We spent two weeks in the San Francisco Bay area. The first week we were in Trinity Baptist Church and the second week in American Indian Baptist, Oakland. There were many who came for prayer, rededication and counseling. We had a wonderful time of fellowship with new friends and old friends. We stayed in the homes of precious friends in both cities who are like our own families.

The Bay area is a tremendous mission field waiting to be harvested. There are many different ethnic groups and thousands of American Indians. We met a Phillipino Baptist pastor and his congregation who also joined the revival in San Francisco. He had been led to the Lord to resign his large church in the Phillipines and come to the U.S. as a missionary to his people here. He has asked us to come for revival in his church next year. Pray that the Lord will send laborers into that field.

We love and appreciate you dear friends who are co-laborers in this ministry and make it possible for it to continue.

Your Missionary to the North American Indians,
Bro. Ernest and Bennie Best.

Morning Star Honored For Volunteer Service

Pat Frank, Jan Bigpond and Anita Freeman, members of Morning Star Ministries were among other ministries and organizations who were honored with a Thanksgiving banquet prepared and served by the residence of Jess Dunn Correctional Center, November 18 at Taft, OK.

The Ministries and organization, Toastmasters and Alcoholics Anonymous were recognized for their kindness, generosity and compassion for mankind making the programs beneficial for both the staff and residents of Jess Dunn.

Chaplain Bob Combs, sited that motivation was the key element displayed by the volunteers, "the thought that we might make a difference in one individuals life". Acting Warden Billy Roller added that as volunteers we were role models and ambassadors for the Department of Corrections, projecting positive perceptions of the Correctional Centers to the public. He further stated that the contributions made by the volunteers in channeling positive attitudes, helping the residents address the questions concerning their lives and helping reshape lives, were the benefits of service.

This is the second award given to the Morning Star this year for volunteer service within the Department of Corrections.

Morning Star was also requested by the Indian Club at Jess Dunn to hold a special Thanksgiving Service which was held on November 23. Other services were held on November 27 at Jackie Brannon, McAlester and Mac Alford, Stringtown, Ok.

Many of the Indian Clubs within the Correctional Centers are still in need of sponsors for their clubs, those interested may contact the facilities directly.

Morning Star covets your prayers and we ask for you to continue lifting us up as we go about sharing the "Good News" of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Special Note

Morning Star President, Rev. Negiel Bigpond has recorded a musical tape titled "Visions of Love". This tape is composed of contemporary Christian songs, each song has a timely messasge for the lost as well as the believers. Visions of Love is available upon request with your $8 contribution. All contributions go solely for the work of the Gospel. Contact: Morning Star Ministries, P.O. Box 97, Bixby, OK. 74047.

IT WAS TURKEY AND DRESSING AND ALL THE TRIMMINGS *at the Annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner served at the Creek Nation's Dining Hall by the Elderly Nutrition Program. Rev. Willis Knight of Montezuma Indian Baptist Church, was the Special Speaker for the Dinner. CN employees shown, center, are Fredo Anderson, Job Developer/Counselor and Deloris Mambi, Secretary to the CN Appraiser.*

-photo by Elliot Barnett

OU Language Research Project Seeks Indian Volunteers

NORMAN - Communication patterns of American Indians in the context of the surrounding Anglo culture are being investigated by researchers in the University of Oklahoma's department of communication.

The study, which will focus on urbanized and rural American Indians, is to identify how these two groups relate to American white society, who they interact with, form friendships with, what their communication skills are and how they are used within the Anglo society.

All research team members, a faculty member, graduate students and volunteers, are American Indians. They will collect information about Native American lifestyles, communication habits and social interactions.

The team will gather its information by interviewing volunteers representing the many American Indian populations throughout the state.

American Indians who are willing to volunteer their time are needed. Interviews will begin in January at several local community sites.

People interested in being interviewed are encouraged to contact Young Kim, visiting professor of communication; or Karl Winton, doctoral student in communication at 405/325-3311.

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-CN Higher Ed Notice-

Thomas Sullivan is the acting Scholarship Officer for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Higher Education Department. He assumed his duties Nov. 14. All inquiries can be directed to him at 756-8700, ext. 330 or at the Higher Education Office located in the Mound Building at the CN Complex in Okmulgee.

TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH

New Indian Diabetes Consumer Group Forms

A new Indian Diabetes Consumer Group has been formed to locate more resources for diabetes. This group consists of persons with diabetes and their families who are served by the Claremore Indian Hospital and Tahlequah Hastings Hospital. The Claremore Indian Hospital Diabetes Program serves as the professional consultants to this new group.

The group met for the first time in September at the Diabetes Leadership Camp held at the Western Hills Ranch in Wagoner. At their fall meeting held at the Claremore Indian Hospital, the group drafted plans for a diabetes "shopping network" which will develop price listings for frequently purchased diabetes supplies from local vendors. The group will also publish a newsletter and a Community Diabetes Resource Guide that will be made available to over 3,000 persons with diabetes.

Diabetes is a major health problem among Indian people with over 5,000 persons affected within Eastern Oklahoma. This consumer group will gather information about resources for persons with diabetes and will disseminate this information to Indian people.

For more information contact the Claremore Diabetes Program at the Claremore Indian Hospital, Claremore, OK 74017.

Indian Health Topic of Arizona Seminar

NORMAN—"Indian Health Promotion: Wellness and Sexuality" will be the theme of a University of Oklahoma conference February 28-March 3 in Phoenix. The conference is sponsored by Health, Urban and Community Programs, a unit of the OU division of Continuing Education and Public Service. Conference topics will be teaching AIDS education to Indian Youth; sexuality and elders; sexuality and alcohol abuse and Indian ways of stories; spirituality and sexuality; passages and paths of personal growth; and wellness and nurturing in the healthy Indian family.

Also, wellness activities such as stress management and massages will be taught to conference participants.

For more information, contact Billy Rogers, conference coordinator at Health, Urban and Community Programs, University of Oklahoma, 555 Constitution St., Norman, OK 73037.

Happy Holidays!